



Bill List March 26, 2024

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2024 State Agenda/Legislative Priorities

- **HB 4455, Restoration of Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) Revenues** (DeLuca, D-Chicago Heights): incrementally increases amounts transferred from the state's General Revenue Fund to LGDF to 10% of income tax revenues received. LGDF distributions fund critical county and municipal services. Following the enactment of the state income tax in 1969, 10% of total income tax collections were dedicated to LGDF for distribution however since 2011, the state has decreased the local government share of LGDF to 6.47% of individual income tax collections and 6.845% of corporate income tax collections in state FY 2024. DuPage County received \$15.2M in LGDF revenues in state FY 24.
 - **Status: Revenue-Income Tax Subcommittee**
- **HB 4469/SB 2633, Protection of Domestic Violence victims** (Hirschauer, D-West Chicago/Villanueva, D-Chicago): known as *Karina's Law*, the bill amends the Domestic Violence Act to remove firearms from accused domestic abusers when an order of protection is granted by the courts. The bill requires a court to issue a search warrant alongside an order of protection to permit law enforcement to remove any firearms, firearm ammunition and firearm parts from the respondent's residence.
 - **Status: HB 4469, House Judiciary Committee/SB 2633, Senate Subcommittee on Firearms**
- **HB 4665, Mental Health Professional Grant** (LaPointe, D-Chicago): creates the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant Program Act to provide grants to mental health facilities and substance use disorder treatment programs to recruit, retain, and compensate licensed mental health or substance use disorder professionals.
 - **Status: House Mental Health & Addiction Committee**
- **HB 4666/SB 3593, Appropriation for Mental Health Professional Grant** (LaPointe, D-Chicago/Fine, D-Glenview): appropriates \$40M to the Illinois Department of Human Services to support the Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Professional Support Grant program to encourage more individuals to enter the behavioral health and substance use treatment workforce.
 - **Status: HB 4666, House Appropriations Health & Human Services Committee/SB 3593, Senate Appropriations Health & Human Services**
- **HB 5574/SB 3269, Transfer of Impact Fee Funds** (Howard, D-Glen Ellyn/Lewis, R-Carol Stream): a DuPage County initiative, the legislation would authorize the county to transfer remaining impact fee revenues to a transportation account to be used for capacity related improvements countywide. Last year, the County Board repealed its Impact Fee ordinance and the remaining funds (\$5.2M), may only be spent in the district it was collected, preventing the expenditure of some funds due to the lack of eligible projects in that district.

- **Status: HB 5574, House 2nd Reading Short Debate/SB 3269, Senate Committee on Assignments**
- **SB 2609, Safe Gun Storage Information** (Koehler, D-Peoria): requires a school board to include information on how a parent or guardian can safely store any firearms at home where other policies, rules, and standards concerning student conduct are posted and made available to parents and guardians.
 - **Status: Senate Subcommittee on Firearms**
- **SB 2960/HB 4831, Reducing the use of Plastic** (Fine, D-Glenview/Buckner, D-Chicago): creates the Small Single-Use Plastic Bottle Act to phase out the use of these items in Illinois hotels. Provides that beginning July 1, 2025, hotels with 50 rooms or more and, beginning January 1, 2026, hotels with less than 50 rooms may not provide small single-use plastic bottles containing personal care products to guests. The hotel industry is in favor of the legislation as the use of larger, refillable containers is less costly and also demonstrates the industry's commitment to sustainability initiatives and the environment.
 - **Status: SB 2960, Senate Calendar 3rd Reading/HB 4831, House Energy & Environment Committee**
- **SB 3077, Local Food Infrastructure** (Koehler, D-Peoria): establishes a \$2M per year infrastructure grant program within the Illinois Department of Agriculture to enhance local food processing, aggregation, and distribution within the State. Projects that help move food from farms to communities such as food hubs, canneries, milling equipment, grading and packaging equipment, refrigerated trucks and milk processing would qualify. Eligible applicants include farms, co-ops, process facilities, and food businesses with fewer than 50 employees as well as local governments and non-profits. Although Illinois farmers, dairies, and ranchers produce significant amounts of food, 95% of the food we eat in Illinois is imported from out of state.
 - **Status: Senate Calendar 3rd Reading**
- **SB 3521, Behavioral Health Recovery Center Grant Pilot Program** (Villa, D-West Chicago): a DuPage County Health Department initiative, the legislation requires the Illinois Department of Human Services to establish a 5-year pilot program to award a grant to one or more counties to develop and implement a behavioral health recovery center project. The county's health department will break ground in April on a Crisis Recovery Center located on the county campus to support those experiencing a mental health or substance use disorder crisis.
 - **Status: Senate Appropriations Health & Human Services Committee**
- **SB 3522, Medicaid Rates-Community Mental Health Centers** (Villa, D-West Chicago): increases Medicaid rates for psychiatric evaluations and medication monitoring performed by community mental health centers and substance use disorder treatment providers and practitioners and provides for a CPI increase annually (not to exceed 5%) beginning in State Fiscal Year 2025. If adopted, this legislation would increase Medicaid rates for services and programs provided the DuPage County Health Department's Public Health Centers and for future services billed once the county's new Crisis Recovery Center (CRC) opens in 2025.
 - **Status: Senate Appropriations Health & Human Services Committee**
- **SB 3686/HB 5348, Battery Stewardship Act** (Koehler, D-Peoria/Chung, D-Bloomington): creates the Portable and Medium Format Battery Stewardship Act to require those who sell, offer for sale, or distribute covered batteries or battery containing products to implement and participate in a battery stewardship plan as of January 1, 2026 (that encourages the recovery and reuse of materials such as metals that replace the output of mining and other extractive industries). A battery stewardship program

creates a collection system for portable batteries and end of life management (recycling) of the covered batteries.

- **Status: SB 3686, Senate Calendar 2nd Reading/House Calendar 2nd Reading**

- **HB 2900, Wildlife Killing Contests** (Moeller, D-Elgin): prohibits a person from organizing, sponsoring, promoting, conducting, or participating in a contest, organized competition, or tournament with the objective of killing any fur-bearing mammal for cash, prizes, or other inducement. "Fur-bearing mammals" means the following specific species, mink, muskrat, raccoon, striped skunk, weasel, bobcat, opossum, beaver, river otter, badger, red fox, gray fox, and coyote.

- **Status: House Calendar 2nd Reading**

Recommend Support

- **HB 4044, IEMA STARCOM21 Radio Network** (Mayfield, D-Waukegan): appropriates \$35M to the Illinois Emergency Management Agency for the STARCOM21 public safety communications network, a critical state asset that ensures DuPage County first responders can communicate with the State Police and other key agencies during crises and to protect the safety of our residents.

- **Status: House Rules Committee (budget negotiation item)**

- **HB 4440, Counties Code-Diversity Goals** (Davis, D-East Hazel Crest): provides that a county may establish goals to promote minority-owned and operated businesses, women-owned and operated businesses, businesses owned and operated by persons with disabilities, and businesses located within the county.

- **Status: House Calendar 2nd Reading**

SB3686 / HB5348 – Portable and Medium-Format Battery Stewardship Act

Background:

- This bill is crucial to preventing risk to public health and safety. Fires from improper disposal of lithium-ion batteries are increasingly occurring in waste and recycling vehicles and at facilities, risking injury or death to workers and the public.
- Consumers statewide will have convenient access to collection sites for proper management of all battery chemistries and be informed of the proper management practices for their unwanted batteries. By including all battery chemistries, consumer confusion is reduced and ease of collection is improved.
- Batteries contain toxic substances and valuable materials that can be reclaimed and recycled into the production of new batteries, avoiding environmental and emission impacts associated with mining of virgin materials.
- The battery stewardship program is an Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) policy similar to existing legislation for electronics, mercury thermostats, pharmaceuticals, and paint that have all been successfully enacted in Illinois.
- Battery producers support the bill and are using the language proposed in Illinois as a model for other states. The bill has been developed collaboratively with battery producers, IMA, IRMA, local government, and the waste and recycling industry and has the support of environmental groups.

Key Provisions:

- Battery producers must fund a convenient, accessible collection program for all consumers (including residents, businesses, government agencies, and non-profit organizations) to properly manage unwanted “covered batteries”.
- “Covered batteries” include all chemistries and brands of batteries up to 25 pounds and 2,000 watt-hours (examples: AAA, AA, C, D, 9-volt batteries; button/coin batteries; power tool batteries; batteries that can be easily removed from electronic devices such as laptops; e-bike and electric scooter batteries; outdoor lawn equipment batteries).
 - Excludes certain medical device batteries, lead acid vehicle batteries, and batteries contained in products if the battery is not easy to remove.
 - Does NOT apply to larger batteries such as battery storage systems, photovoltaic units for solar energy systems, or EV batteries.
- Producer funding will cover all costs for battery collection, transportation, recycling / end-of-life management, education, reporting, and Agency administration.
- Producers, through a stewardship organization, must develop a plan documenting how all program requirements will be met and update it at least every 5 years.
- Collection will begin by 1/1/2026, with collection sites established by 12/31/2026.
- Performance goals for collection, recycling efficiency, and public awareness must be met.
- The stewardship organization must provide education and outreach to promote and raise awareness of the program, including linguistic and cultural considerations in the materials produced and giving consideration to environmental and social justice communities.
- The stewardship organization must submit an annual report and implement program improvements if goals are not met.