

It's a BIG Week for the South Dakota Legislature

Friday, February 23rd is "Cross-over day" which means all bills have to pass their house of origin – Senate bills have to pass the Senate and House bills have to pass the House. The Appropriations Committee has one additional day, so they have until Monday to pass special appropriation and property tax bills and deliver them to their house of origin.

News from Last Week

Revenue projections from both the Legislative Research Council staff and the Bureau of Finance and Management were delivered to the Appropriations Committee. The revenue projections were more optimistic than the Governor presented during his budget address in December. Instead of showing lower-than-expected revenues, both projections indicated slight growth in the state's income stream. With agriculture as a key driver in the state's economy, a drought year or continued low commodity prices could impact the actual numbers.

The updated revenue numbers indicated that the state has an estimated \$19 million more to spend than originally thought and there is a rush of ideas on how to spend this "newfound" money. The top three priorities for the legislators at this time are for state employee raises, improved wages for community support providers, and a one-percent increase for K-12 education.

Important Committee Hearings and Floor Votes this Week

SDSU Precision Ag Building: HB1264 and SB183 are companion bills to fund a new building at SDSU is calling a Precision Ag Building and to remodel two floors of Berg Ag Hall.

- The total price tag for the project is \$55 million with the cost of Precision Ag building at \$46,150,000 with Ag Hall renovations at \$8,850,000
- The new building has 14,763 net assignable square feet (nasf) for Plant Science and 37, 933 nasf for Ag Engineering. The renovations at Ag Hall will be for Plant Science.
- [HB1264](#) will be heard Wednesday in House State Affairs and [SB183](#) will be heard Thursday in Senate Ag.
- [SB194](#) (Precision Ag Fund and Fee Structure with includes Pesticide Registration Fees) has

been reassigned from Senate Ag to the Joint Committee on Appropriations.

- SDABA is working with other Agricultural groups that continue to work with legislative leadership and appropriations committee members to pare the cost of the project and explore potential funding options.

Regulation of Moisture and Protein Testing Equipment: [SB166](#) is a bill to revise certain provisions relating to moisture and protein content devices.

- The bill says that the South Dakota Department of Agriculture may inspect any moisture-measuring device or protein-measuring device used in commerce in this state, except those belonging to the United States. The department may inspect at the convenience of the department any moisture-measuring or protein-measuring device, but shall inspect each device at least once annually, without notice to the owner of the device. A fee not to exceed twenty-five fifty dollars may be charged for each device subject to inspection under the provisions of this chapter and rules promulgated thereunder. The department shall establish the amount of the fee by rule promulgated in accordance with chapter1-26.
- [SB166](#) will be heard Tuesday in the Senate Ag Committee. SDGFA has met with the bill sponsor, Senator Brock Greenfield who has indicated that the bill will be amended.

Require a Certain Number of Crew on a Train: [HB1150](#) is a bill that states that no train or light engine used in connection with the movement of freight may be operated unless it has a crew consisting of at least two persons. Any person who knowingly violates this section is guilty of a petty offense.

- The bill also says it does not apply to any train or light engine used in any hostler service or utility service and is repealed on June 30, 2022.
- It is still unclear if this bill impacts local elevators or if it's for union labor for major rail lines.
- [HB1150](#) passed out of the House Transportation Committee and will be heard on the House floor on Tuesday.

How to use your weekly Capitol Connection

Each week that a new bill is introduced and tracked by SDABA it will be described below, after that week the status of those bills will be listed in the 2018 Bill Tracking List. Bills, committee agendas and House or Senate calendars can be found on the LRC website at <http://sdlegislature.gov/>

Bill Tracking List

COMMITTEES

Ag and Natural Resources – Ag

Appropriations – App
Commerce and Energy – Comm
Education – Ed
Government Operations and Audit – GOAC
Health and Human Services – Health
Judiciary – Jud
Local Government – LGov
State Affairs – SA
Taxation – Tax
Transportation – Trans

DISPOSITION OF BILLS

Amend
Pass
Fail
Table
Defer to 41st Legislative Day (killed)
Signed by the Governor
Veto

To review the complete bill and its status, click on the bill number on the tracking list. For a complete list of bills please check out the LRC website online at <http://sdlegislature.gov/>.

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BILL NUMBER	TITLE	SENATE COM	SENATE	HOUSE COM	HOUSE	FINAL
HB1014	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding the application of the intrastate exemption for certain commercial vehicles from the federal motor carrier regulations.</i>	<i>Trans Passed 4-2</i>	<i>Passed 24-10</i>	<i>Trans Passed 12-0</i>	<i>Passed 59-0</i>	<i>Signed by Governor</i>
HB1015	<i>Repeals the use of explosives, pyrotechnics, and fireworks for the protection of sunflower crops from depredating birds.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 7-0</i>	<i>Passed 33-0</i>	<i>Ag Passed 13-0</i>	<i>Passed 60-0</i>	<i>Signed by Governor</i>
HB1035	<i>Repeals certain provisions and regulations related to labeling requirements for feed.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 8-0</i>	<i>Passed 33-0</i>	<i>Ag Passed 12-0</i>	<i>Passed 69-0</i>	<i>Signed by Governor</i>

<u>HB1081</u>	<i>Repeals the sunset clause regarding the recreational use of nonmeandered water.</i>	<i>Referred to Ag</i>		<i>SA Passed 11-1</i>	<i>Passed Amended 51-12</i>	
<u>HB1113</u>	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding the vehicles required to stop at a state weighing station</i>	<i>Trans Passed 6-0</i>	<i>Passed 29-0</i>	<i>Trans Passed 11-0</i>	<i>Passed 68-0</i>	<i>Signed by Speaker</i>
<u>HB1115</u>	<i>Revise certain provisions regarding crop liens.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 8-0</i>	<i>Passed 35-0</i>	<i>Ag Passed Amended 11-0</i>	<i>Passed 68-0</i>	<i>Signed by Speaker</i>
<u>HB1119</u>	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding riparian buffer strips.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 8-0</i>	<i>Passed 34-0</i>	<i>LGov Passed Amended 11-0</i>	<i>Passed 68-0</i>	<i>Signed by Speaker</i>
<u>HB1140</u>	<i>Revise certain provisions regarding access to public water.</i>	<i>Referred to Ag</i>		<i>SA Passed Amended 13-0</i>	<i>Passed Amended 57-9</i>	
<u>HB1150</u>	<i>Require a certain number of crew on a train under certain conditions.</i>			<i>Trans Passed 7-3</i>		
<u>HB1151</u>	<i>Requires persons transporting railroad employees to have certain insurance.</i>	--	--	<i>Trans Deferred to 41st Leg Day</i>	--	--
<u>HB1152</u>	<i>Authorizes certain representatives of railroad workers to investigate the railroad for safety purposes.</i>	--	--	<i>Trans Deferred to 41st Leg Day</i>	--	--
<u>HB1264</u>	<i>Authorizes the Board of Regents to contract for the construction of a precision agriculture classroom and laboratory building and renovation of the first and second floors of Berg Agriculture Hall at South Dakota State University and to make an appropriation therefor.</i>			<i>SA Hearing 02/21/18</i>		

HB1270	<i>Authorizes the period of time requiring the use of lighted front and rear lamps on motor vehicles.</i>	<i>Referred to Trans</i>		<i>Trans Passed 7-5</i>	<i>Passed 44-19</i>	
SB22	<i>Allows commercial driver license applicants three attempts to pass the commercial driver license examination.</i>	<i>Trans Passed 7-0</i>	<i>Passed 35-0</i>	<i>Trans Passed 11-0</i>	<i>Passed 58-9</i>	<i>Signed by Governor</i>
SB24	<i>Extend the effective date of certain provisions regarding the recreational use of nonmeandered water.</i>	<i>Ag Passed Amended 7-2</i>	<i>Passed 26-9</i>	<i>Referred to SA</i>		
SB25	<i>Revises certain fees for entities permitted under the national pollutant discharge elimination system.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 8-0</i>	<i>Passed 30-5</i>	<i>Ag Passed 10-3</i>		
SB26	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding public grain buyers.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 9-0</i>	<i>Passed 35-0</i>	<i>Ag Passed 11-0</i>	<i>Passed 63-0</i>	<i>Signed by Governor</i>
SB34	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding registration for pesticide products.</i>	<i>Ag Passed 8-0</i>	<i>Passed 35-0</i>	<i>Ag Passed 12-0</i>	<i>Passed 66-0</i>	
SB157	<i>Establishes a bid process for the haying of certain interstate and highway medians.</i>	<i>Ag Deferred to 41st Leg Day</i>	--	--	--	--
SB166	<i>Revises certain provisions relating to moisture and protein content devices and the fee that may be charged for such devices.</i>	<i>Ag Hearing 02/22/18</i>				
SB170	<i>Directs the implementation of the requirements of certain provisions regarding nonmeandered waters.</i>	<i>Ag Hearing 02/22/18</i>				
SB179	<i>Provides certain provisions regarding aerial applicators.</i>	<i>Ag Deffered to 41st Leg Day</i>	--	--	--	--

<u>SB183</u>	<i>Authorizes the Board of Regents to contract for the construction of a precision agriculture classroom and laboratory building and renovation of the first and second floors of Berg Agriculture Hall at South Dakota State University and to make an appropriation therefor.</i>	<i>Referred to Ag</i>				
<u>SB194</u>	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding registration fees of pesticide products and create the precision agriculture building fund</i>	<i>Referred to App</i>				
<u>SB199</u>	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding nonmeandered waters.</i>	<i>Ag Passed without Rec 8-1</i>	<i>Failed JR 6F-56 16-19</i>			
<u>SB209</u>	<i>Revises certain provisions regarding the Nutrient Research and Education Council</i>	<i>Ag Passed 8-0</i>	<i>Passed 35-0</i>	<i>Referred to Ag</i>		
<u>SB211</u>	<i>Creates a Legislative Water Management Committee</i>	<i>Ag Hearing 02/22/18</i>				

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