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### **SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION PICKS UP PACE**

In advance of the February 24 funnel deadline by which all bills must have passed a committee in either chamber to remain alive, the Legislature spent much of the week involved with subcommittee work. Budget targets for the FY 2013 fiscal year were also released and next week work will begin in both chambers to craft those budgets. Education, mental health and property taxes continue to be the hot topics of conversation. Most of the issues important to rural water systems and small communities fly below the radar.

Next week, the House subcommittee meets on HSB 569. This bill is promoted by IRWA to eliminate the statutory requirement on when an annual meeting and audit presentation must be held. The bill is similar to SSB 3070 which was approved earlier by subcommittee. Both bills are in their respective chambers local government committees.

### **BILLS OF INTEREST**

**SF 2058**: This bill clarifies what privacy rights for customer water records. IRWA is registered in support of the bill which is in the Senate State Government Committee. A companion bill in the House is anticipated to be introduced next week.

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