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Community Associations Institute (CAI) spent the 2024 legislative session advocating on behalf of the approximately [289,000 Iowans live in 120,000 homes in fewer than 3,000 community associations](#). The 2024 session convened from January 8 to May 5, and 366 bills were introduced. CAI monitored 3 bills that would have directly affected community associations. Below is a brief overview:

IA HF 2485/SF 2292 – A bill for an act relating to regulation of watercraft and equipment on public lakes by common interest communities and certain nonprofit corporations, and including effective date provisions.

CAI supported this legislation which allows common interest communities (CICs) and nonprofit corporations managing large communities adjacent to public lakes to establish policies regarding the operation of watercraft. Under this bill, CICs and associations with over one thousand units can set rules, including equipment specifications, for watercraft operation, applicable only to unit owners, members, and their guests. The bill also permits communication of these policies through private buoys and safety-related installations until the Natural Resource Commission adopts rules regulating such installations for the respective public lakes. The Natural Resource Commission is tasked with adopting rules to administer this legislation. Overall, the bill aims to grant CICs and associations authority over watercraft regulations within their communities, ensuring safety and order on public lakes.

Status: Successfully Passed

IA SF 2102 – A bill for an act relating to common interest communities and unit owner associations and the display of the American flag.

CAI opposed Senate File 2102 due to concerns regarding its potential impact on the governance of common interest communities. The bill, ultimately unsuccessful, sought to prohibit common interest communities from imposing rules against displaying or flying the American flag, as well as installing flagpoles, within certain size limits. While promoting patriotism, the bill overlooked the importance of community governance and aesthetic standards reasonable regulations. Associations rely on such regulations to maintain the overall appearance and harmony within their communities.

Status: Successfully Failed

IA HF 2388 – A bill for an act relating to the regulation of styles and materials used for residential building exteriors.

House File 2388 is advantageous for community associations as it provides an exception for them within the regulations. This exception allows community associations to continue regulating the use of specific styles of exterior cladding or finish materials for residential buildings within their jurisdiction, ensuring they can maintain aesthetic standards or historical preservation efforts as needed.

Status: Passed, awaiting Governor signature

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