

Short Session Approaching Mid-Point

The House and Senate conducted their last committee hearings of the first half this week and now must finish floor action by next Tuesday. Second and third reading passage calendars were lengthy with the most controversial bills taking debate time. One of those, House Bill 1380 Tobacco use age to 21, was not one of them. Despite it passing out of the Public Health Committee 9-0 Monday, House Speaker Bosma, concerned about the impact on state revenues, used his power to recommit the bill to the House Ways & Means Committee, effectively killing it this Session. No doubt this issue plus proposed increases in tobacco taxes pushed by health advocates and business owners, will be back next year. Hemp legalization bills (HB 1137 and SB 52) that could be an economic opportunity for farmers and industrial users are moving. Still, there is concern about the public confusing with medical use so more work will take place in the second half. Water and noxious weed bills (SB 330 added this week) that have our interest are in good standing and ready for the opposite chamber's consideration. Bills not heard in committee and most likely dead this Session have been deleted from our tracker list. Of note; no bills dealing with timber or confined feeding of livestock received a hearing.

Both the Senate and House are setting very compressed schedules for action!
Here are some key deadlines:

Legislative Session Calendar

Feb. 5 - Deadline for bills to clear House
Feb. 6 - Deadline for bills to clear Senate
Mar. 5 - Deadline for Senate bills to clear House
Mar. 6 - Deadline for House bills to clear Senate
Mar. 14 - Mandated session ending

- Click here for the: [House Schedule](#)
- Click here for the: [Senate Schedule](#)

Bill filing lists are complete but I will continue to review House and Senate bills that may have impact on us. Below are bills of importance to IASWCD. *Please contact me at [\(317.753.9627\)](tel:317.753.9627) or chizer@inag.biz with any concerns or needs. Thank you, Cress*

Useful Links

House Committee Schedules: [Latest House Calendar](#)

Senate Committee Schedules: [Latest Senate Calendar](#)

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TRACKING LIST

The State of Indiana has made major changes to its website, including the website for the Indiana General Assembly. To view any bill in its entirety, click here: [Bills](#)

Once there, scroll through the list of Senate and House bills filed and click on the bill you want to view. Once you are on the main page for a particular bill, you will need to click on the following options in the upper left side, which are self-explanatory:

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Bill Versions

Committee Reports

Conference Committee Reports

If you need any assistance please contact me.

House

- [HB 1089: St. Joseph River basin commission.](#)
- [HB 1096: Construction requirements of MS4 operators.](#)
- [HB 1098: Seed commissioner and state chemist.](#)
- [HB 1115: Landowner immunity for trail access.](#)
- [HB 1155: County repair of subdivision drains.](#)
- [HB 1227: Noxious weeds.](#)
- [HB 1233: Environmental management matters.](#)
- [HB 1267: Water infrastructure task force.](#)
- [HB 1289: Local regulation of natural resource development.](#)

Senate

- [SB 20: Deer hunting.](#)
- [SB 105: State agriculture and animal certification programs.](#)
- [SB 286: SPEA study of Indiana environmental policy.](#)
- [SB 330: Seed commissioner rulemaking.](#)
- [SB 361: Water infrastructure task force.](#)
- [SB 362: Regulation of water and wastewater systems.](#)
- [SB 417: Distance between water well and septic system.](#)

Other Issues Watch

We will review filed Resolutions for any support or concerns in this section.

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