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2023 Session IN General Assembly March 31, 2023 Bill Tracker

First Session of the 123rd Indiana General Assembly

The Senate Appropriation Committee, assigned to craft the Senate version of Indiana's new two budget, took over four hours of public testimony yesterday on how to spend \$43.3 billion. IASWCD took their turn to request stronger funding for Districts and Clean Water Indiana. Work will continue next week with committee report deadline being April 13. HB 1639 Watershed Commissions, was held again this week by the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee as concerns and amendments are being worked on. SB 414 Onsite sewage systems and holding tanks, was added to our list (in red) after a surprise amendment was added in the House Environmental Affairs Committee on Wednesday last week that further reduces protection of wetlands. An amendment by Rep. Matt Lehman, R-Berne to clarify the intent was added on 2nd reading Monday, then passed by a vote 62-31 on final reading. The bill now returns to the Senate because of the amendments. Many groups are working on this issue with concerns and hopes the Senate will strip. Please keep informing your legislators!

Liz, Les and Ray did a super job presenting our request in front of the packed budget hearing!

Click on the sites below for helpful information of committee members, schedules and bill actions. And if any of the other bills on our Tracker are of interest or impacting you, please let me know how and why.

2023 Session Deadlines

- 4/11 Committee Report deadline on Senate Bills in House
- 4/13 Committee Report deadline on House Bills in Senate
- 4/17 last day for 3rd readings of Senate Bills in House
- 4/18 last day for 3rd readings of House Bills in Senate
- 4/29 last day for adjournment of both houses

Useful Links

House Committee Schedules

<http://iga.in.gov/documents/d818d017>

Senate Committee Schedules <http://iga.in.gov/documents/85381d73>

Find your Legislator: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/find-legislators/>

Please find this Bill Watch page for bills making it to Governor Holcomb's desk. So far 10 bills have made it and he has signed two. You can follow the link below for the most recent update: <https://www.in.gov/gov/newsroom/2023-bill-watch/>

I will continue to review House and Senate bills that may have an impact on us. Below are bills of importance to IASWCD. Please contact me at (317.753.9627) or chizer@inag.biz with any concerns or needs. Thank you, Cress

TRACKING LIST

The State of Indiana has made changes to its website, including the website for the Indiana General Assembly. To view any bill in its entirety, click here: <http://iga.in.gov/legislative/2023/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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House

- [HB 1001: State budget.](#)
- [HB 1041: State board of accounts.](#)
- [HB 1132: Land use task force.](#)
- [HB 1167: Live streaming and archiving meetings.](#)
- [HB 1304: Watercraft registration renewal fee.](#)
- [HB 1557: Inventory of lost farmland.](#)
- [HB 1639: Watershed development commissions.](#)

Senate

- [SB 25: Cigarette tax evasion.](#)
- [SB 155: IDEM matters.](#)
- [SB 242: DNR best floodplain mapping data.](#)
- [SB 412: Natural resources matters.](#)
- [SB 414: Onsite sewage systems and holding tanks.](#)
- [SB 451: Carbon sequestration pilot project.](#)
- [SB 473: NPDES limits for discharges to the Ohio River.](#)

Other Issues Watch

Resolutions are still being filed and as ones of interest are researched, they will be listed here.

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Thank you for your help! INAg/Cress Hizer appreciates your willingness to contact legislators when called upon during the session. Without the assistance of the client/association, it would be difficult to pass proactive legislation or thwart detrimental language. Thanks for your support.