



INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF  
**soil and water conservation**  
DISTRICTS

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### **Statehouse Updates: Bill Tracker and CWI Breakfast Recap**

All in all, our new CWI Breakfast at the Statehouse event went splendidly! LG Suzanne Crouch remarked positively on the packed lobby, and the demos and displays wowed legislators. A list of who we visited with (as far as memory serves) is below - if you met with a legislator who is listed here, let us know and we'll add them. We likely had about 50 legislators visit - and even as staff were packing up displays, more continued to stop by to learn about conservation and SWCDs in Indiana. **Excellent job, all! We're making great progress but need your help to keep showing legislators why it's important to invest in CWI and SWCDs.** More on that to come.

**Did you meet your Senator or Representative at CBAS? Be sure to thank them!** A handwritten note or sincere email will take us far in developing and maintaining relationships with our elected officials.

#### **Senate**

Bassler, Bohacek, Bray, Brown, Buchanan, Buck, Charbonneau, Crider, Deery, Donato, Doriot, Glick, Goode, Koch, Leising, Maxwell, Messmer, Niemeyer, Pol, Raatz, Zay.

#### **House**

Abbott, Aylesworth, Boyd, Cherry, Culp, DeVon, Fleming, Haggard, Heaton, Heine, Jordan, Karickhoff, Klinker, Lauer, Lehman, Lyness, Manning, May, Morrison, Prescott, Slager, Smaltz. Snow.

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### **Bill Tracker From Cress Hizer:**

Welcome the 2nd Session of the 123rd Indiana General Assembly!

The 2024 "short" session of the Indiana General Assembly Biennium Session convened on Monday, January 8th and is off to a very busy start. Committee hearings were held that same day and bill filing lists are being handed down daily. With the bill filing deadlines, Legislative Services Agency (LSA) will be working overtime to get all proposed bills drafted and published. Bills are already moving to the floors and leaders

have made their goals clear this week with releases of priorities. Being an election year certainly will be a driver as well!

As mentioned, Committee work has started. You can watch online. You can find links below to follow schedules.

#### 2024 Session Deadlines

- ~~-1/9 last day to file Senate Bills~~
- ~~-1/11 last day to file House Bills~~
- 1/16 last day for Senate Bills to be assigned to Committees << **TODAY**
- 2/5 last day for 3rd readings of House Bills
- 2/6 last day for 3rd readings of Senate Bills
- 3/4 last day for 3rd readings of Senate Bills in House
- 3/5 last day for 3rd readings of House Bills in Senate
- 3/14 last day for adjournment of both houses

Bill filing lists are not complete and 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) or [chizer@inag.biz](mailto:chizer@inag.biz) with any concerns or needs.** Thank you,  
Cress

#### Useful Links

- [House Committee Schedules](#)
- [Senate Committee Schedules](#)
- [Find your Legislator](#)

#### **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](#) 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:

- Latest Version
- Latest Fiscal Note
- Bill Actions
- Bill Versions
- Committee Reports
- Conference Committee Reports

If you need any assistance, please contact me.

#### **HOUSE BILLS**

- \* [HB 1013: Conservancy district road funding.](#)
- \* [HB 1305: Major ground water withdrawal facilities.](#) << **Think LEAP Lebanon**

- \* [HB 1383: Wetlands](#) << Quite important as we develop State policy for wetland development and protection.
- \* [HB 1394: DNR best available flood hazard data](#)
- \* [HB 1401: Various natural resources matters.](#)
- \* [HB 1403: Determining existence and class of wetlands.](#) << Quite important as we develop State policy for wetland development and protection.
- \* [HB 1417: Agricultural matters.](#)

## **SENATE BILLS**

- \* [SB 105: Updated Indiana Drainage Handbook.](#)
- \* [SB 131: Carbon sequestration.](#) <<Hot topic; had a session on this at Conference
- \* [SB 140: Logjam removal.](#)
- \* [SB 149: Tobacco sales.](#) <<Tobacco taxes contributes to some of CWI funding
- \* [SB 184: Removal of debris from streams.](#)
- \* [SB 206: IDEM agency bill.](#)
- \* [SB 246: Assessment of wetlands classified as wildlands.](#) << Quite important as we develop State policy for wetland development and protection.
- \* [SB 247: Water and wastewater utility infrastructure.](#)

## **OTHER ISSUES TO WATCH FOR**

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.