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Legislative Update
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Welcome to the 2nd Session of the 123rd Indiana General Assembly

The second week of the 2024 "short" session of the Indiana General Assembly Biennium Session was very busy with Monday's holiday and weather concerns cutting in work calendar. Never the less I counted 33 Committee hearings held! IASWCD was active in monitoring and testifying on two bills, HB 1383 and SB 246, dealing with wetlands. Both bills passed out of committee and now are ready for floor action. Thanks go to Les Zimmerman for speaking in support of 246 and it passed out of the Senate Natural Resources Committee on an 8-0 vote. Other bills moving out of committee this week: 105, 140, 184 and 1401.

As mentioned, Committee work deadlines are near. You can watch online. You can find links below to follow schedules.

2024 Session Deadlines

- 1/30 last day for House Committee Reports
- 2/1 last day for Senate Committee Reports
- 2/5 last day for 3rd readings of House Bills
- 2/6 last day for 3rd readings of Senate Bills
- 2/7 Half time of Session
- 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** with any concerns or needs. Thank you,

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TRACKING LIST

House:

- * [HB 1013: Conservancy district road funding.](#)

- * [HB 1305: Major ground water withdrawal facilities.](#) <<Think LEAP Lebanon
- * [HB 1383: Wetlands](#) <<Hot topic
- * [HB 1394: DNR best available flood hazard data.](#) <<Hot topic
- * [HB 1401: Various natural resources matters.](#)
- * [HB 1403: Determining existence and class of wetlands.](#) <<Hot topic
- * [HB 1417: Agricultural matters.](#)

Senate

- * [SB 105: Updated Indiana Drainage Handbook.](#) <<Management of this got transferred from DNR to ISDA
- * [SB 131: Carbon sequestration](#) << Hot topic
- * [SB 140: Logjam removal.](#) <<Drainage continues to be a hot topic
- * [SB 149: Tobacco sales.](#) <<Very small portion of this revenue goes to CWI
- * [SB 184: Removal of debris from streams.](#) <<Drainage continues to be a hot topic
- * [SB 206: IDEM agency bill.](#)
- * [SB 246: Assessment of wetlands classified as wildlands.](#) <<IASWCD supported this bill as it incentivizes voluntary conservation practices
- * [SB 247: Water and wastewater utility infrastructure.](#)

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.