

2025 Session IN General Assembly
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First Session of the 124th Indiana General Assembly

Message from Cress Hizer:

As we near the half way point of this long budget session, chamber of origin bills must pass out of committee by next Monday or somehow find a new home. And they must pass the full chamber by next Thursday. Governor Braun's tax reform ideas (SB1) suffered a 93-page amendment this week in the Senate Tax and Fiscal Policy Committee that took out language on tax caps and expanding homestead credits as legislators continue to find ways to balance tax burdens but still respect needs of local governments and school funding.

HB1001 was voted through on Monday, February 17. This is the next step in forming a two-year budget. In a 14-7 vote, the full House now gets its chance to speak on the new two year budget. The D's offered several amendments but only one was accepted (restoring some minority commissions). One of interest was raising the cigarette tax \$2 by Rep. Delaney. After much discussion, Chairman Thompson seemed really ready to consider at a \$1 increase if the April revenue forecast was decent and the Senate supports. IN is currently at \$99.9 cents, OH \$1.60, KY \$1.10, MI \$2 and IL \$2.98. The unknown is if our share gets changed.

The good news is that our \$6m for CWI did not change! You can find us on P. 32.

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2025 Session Deadlines

- 2/20 last day for 3rd readings of House Bills
- 2/20 last day for 3rd readings of Senate Bills
- 2/24-28 Crossover Break
- 4/10 Committee Report deadline on Senate Bills in House
- 4/10 Committee Report deadline on House Bills in Senate
- 4/15 last day for 3rd readings of Senate Bills in House
- 4/15 last day for 3rd readings of House Bills in Senate
- 4/29 last day for adjournment of both houses

I 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, Cress*

TRACKING LIST

House

- [HB 1001: State budget.](#) Amend and vote only in House Ways and Means Monday
- [HB 1025: Treated seeds.](#) Did receive a hearing
- [HB 1037: Storm water management.](#) Passed House 66-23 now Senate/Doriot
- [HB 1126: Watershed development commissions.](#) 89-0 now goes to Senate
- [HB 1184: State chemist.](#) Did not receive a hearing
- [HB 1187: Watershed development commissions.](#) Not heard, see 1126
- [HB 1190: Water quality.](#) Not heard
- [HB 1234: Conservation of agricultural land.](#) Now in Ways and Means
- [HB 1251: Cigarette taxes.](#) Not heard but could end up in 1001 Budget
- [HB 1268: DNR study of ground water resources.](#) Not heard
- [HB 1286: PFAS chemicals.](#) Not heard
- [HB 1366: PFAS water safety standards.](#) Not heard
- [HB 1447: State forest areas restricted from logging.](#) Not heard
- [HB 1460: Drainage systems.](#) 64-23 now to Senate
- [HB 1557: Prescribed burning.](#) 73-15 now goes to Senate/Glick
- [HB 1616: Department of natural resources.](#) Now on 3rd reading
- [HB 1638: Government and regulatory matters.](#) Did not receive a hearing
- [HB 1661: Healthy forests and hardwoods expansion.](#) Did not receive a hearing

Senate

- [SB 1: Property tax relief.](#) Heavily amended now on 3rd reading
- [SB 4: Water matters.](#) 48-0 now to House/Soliday
- [SB 28: Ground water emergencies.](#) Passed 46-0, now in House, Lindauer, sponsor
- [SB 134: Water management authority.](#) Not heard
- [SB 202: The department of agriculture.](#) Not heard
- [SB 211: Clean water Indiana program.](#) *Now in House; Rep. Abbott, sponsor*
- [SB 256: Ground water.](#) Not heard
- [SB 459: Environmental matters.](#) IDEM Agency Bill, Passed 48-0, Baird, sponsor
- [SB 538: PFAS chemicals.](#) Not heard

Other Issues Watch

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

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