

**2019**

## **Indiana General Assembly Report**

### *Week Two*

This is the second weekly report designed to inform CAC board and staff, as well as CAC members and the general public regarding our activities and work during the 2019 Indiana General Assembly.

CAC staff monitored a handful of hearings and coalition meetings this week. We're following more than forty bills with more legislation continuing to appear through the public process as we speak. By the week's end 751 separate pieces of legislation had been filed.

This week we monitored [Senate Bill 193](#) which was heard in the Senate Committee on Local Government. SB193 deals with sewer and water connections through rights-of-way and is authored by [Senator Mike Bohacek \(R-Michiana Shores\)](#).

CAC was excited to see the introduction of [Senate Bill 430](#), authored by [Senator J.D. Ford \(D-Indianapolis\)](#). The stated intent of SB430 is to eliminate the rollback of net-metering by making significant amendments to the highly controversial and widely unpopular SEA309. CAC strongly supports SB430 and will be working to get the bill a hearing in the [Senate Committee on Utilities](#), chaired by long-time Republican Senator and now Indianapolis Mayoral candidate, [Jim Merritt](#).

Budget and revenue conversations continued to dominate the Statehouse hallways this week with Governor Holcomb's floated budget proposal released Thursday. His budget outlines transportation and education funding priorities and axes funding for the Hoosier Line, the state sponsored Indianapolis-Chicago train route (this would not affect the Cardinal line, operated by Amtrak).

Throughout this year's budget discussions, we will be watching healthcare initiatives for seniors like the state's Community and Home Options to Institutional Care for the Elderly and Disabled (CHOICE) program; transportation funding, and agency funding.

### **Items upcoming this week**

- Governor Holcomb's State of the State Address Tuesday 1/15 at 7pm. It will air live on PBS affiliates and other outlets throughout the State. Check your local listings or watch the livestream on the [General Assembly website](#).
- The first of many bills which will address Indiana's significant needs related to our water and wastewater infrastructure, [Senate Bill 4](#) authored by [Senator Ed Charbonneau \(R-Valparaiso\)](#), will be heard in Committee on January 17th upon adjournment of the [Senate in Room 233](#).

Respectfully submitted,  
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