

2019

Indiana General Assembly Report

Week Ten

The second half of 2019's General Assembly is getting off to a slow start at the Statehouse. So far there have been only a handful of hearings and days have ended early with little to no calendar action during full sessions of each chamber.

We did have a meeting of the House Utilities Committee this week, chaired by Rep. Ed Soliday (R-Valparaiso). The Committee heard testimony but took no vote on Senator Mike Bohacek's [Senate Bill 193](#), dealing with sewer and water connections through rights-of-way.

The Committee slightly amended and heard testimony on [Senate Bill 4](#), authored by Sen. Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso). This bill addresses Indiana's significant needs related to our water and wastewater infrastructure. We supported this bill in Committee, where it [received unanimous support](#).

This week we were heartened to see large turnout at two press conferences, one for *Renewable Energy Day* and one with [All IN for Democracy](#). Coverage on the call to hear [SB 105](#), redistricting reform, from WIBC's Eric Berman available [here](#).

Coverage on Renewable Energy Day from Indiana Public Media [here](#). Coverage on House Bill 1470 and Renewable Energy Day also by Eric Berman [here](#).

Upcoming Next Week

- [Senate Bill 4](#) will be on second reading in the House, meaning it may be amended before the full House. The House Calendar for Monday, March 11th is available [here](#).
- The Senate Utilities Committee will hear [House Bill 1470](#) Thursday. HB 1470 further protects monopoly utility profits in state code, and acts as a follow up bill to a controversial 2013 bill, [Senate Enrolled Act 560](#). For more on HB1470 head [here](#).

A Reminder

To follow these bills in real time, make sure you follow us on [Twitter](#). We tweet throughout the week as to the progress of bills we mention in our reports and on our own Indiana General Assembly Bill Watch [website](#).

Respectfully Submitted,
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