

2019

Indiana General Assembly Report

Week Three

This is the third 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.

The highlight of the week was Governor Eric Holcomb's State of the State Address on Tuesday evening. Unlike previous years Governor Holcomb didn't include any anecdotes about Indiana coal. In fact, he barely mentioned energy at all aside from an anecdote about a confined animal feeding operation using methane/cow-power.

More than 1,200 bills have been introduced and CAC is tracking more than 50 of them while monitoring many more issues that will appear in legislation still forthcoming from the Clerks' offices. We attended a handful of Statehouse committee and stakeholder meetings this week. Next week we anticipate a shortened calendar with Monday's holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

This week we testified in support of the passage of [Senate Bill 4](#), authored by Sen. Ed Charbonneau (R-Valparaiso). This bill addresses Indiana's significant needs related to our water and wastewater infrastructure. The bill passed unanimously and now heads to the full Senate where it may be amended further.

Despite a number of voiced concerns regarding [Senate Bill 193](#), dealing with sewer and water connections through rights-of-way, the bill was given the full endorsement of The Senate Local Government Committee on Thursday. The bill now heads to the full Senate and we'll see what happens next.

Items upcoming this week

- House Utilities will hear Chairman Ed Soliday's Water Infrastructure initiative, [House Bill 1406](#) and Rep. Jeff Ellington's telephone solicitation bill, [House Bill 1123](#) next Wednesday at 1:30pm in Room 156C.
- House Environmental Affairs will meet at the same time in Room 156A hearing a handful of bills including [House Bill 1278](#), an omnibus environmental bill; [House Bill 1266](#), sediment and erosion control in construction; and [House Bill 1279](#), conservancy district petition.

Respectfully submitted,
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