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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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INDIANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

The General Assembly is scheduled to complete their work for the 2017 Long Session by this Friday April 21st. In general, we are pleased with the bills that have made it to the Governor and that are expected to make it to the Governor's desk for signature. INCMA has updated our complete foundry tracking list on a weekly basis throughout the Session which is [available online](#). A few of the key bills and successes this Session include:

HB 1008 Workforce

Development: This continues to be an IMA priority and is still in Conference Committee. While it originally included an employer tax credit in support of shifting training funding influence to employers, the credit has not been restored. However, it does require a new Commission to report for the next few years on suggested realignment of the workforce development system in Indiana. It also changes the funding formula for the CTE based on data from DWD.

HB 1154 Unemployment

Insurance: The primary bill dealing with UI

matters. Unfortunately, the bill was amended to shift some funding away from being used to maintain UI fund solvency and has continued to be controversial. While many issues have been worked out, the bill is still in conference committee. INCMA supports the IMA's efforts to remove language Shifting funding prior to the bill moving forward.



HB 1519 Water Infrastructure

Development: Passed both Chambers and is on the way to the Governor. After we opposed efforts to expand tracker income mechanisms, investor owned water utilities proposed to expand the Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC) tracker reflected on many foundry water bills to apply to residential meters as well as industrial in order to recoup funds for lead line replacement and other matters. This

expansion **should have the result of reducing industrial fees by approximately 95 percent**. While it impacts everyone differently based on water usage and provider, it should be a clear savings. While municipal utilities are not included in this proposal, this should set a strong precedent to include them in the future. Lead service line replacement will likely continue to be a concern for the next few years.

SB 309 Distributed

Generation: This primary electric utility bill passed the House and was concurred upon by the Senate so it is on its way to the Governor. INCMA worked closely with INDIEC where appropriate to support this bill which includes: net metering reform; competitive procurement for smaller clean energy projects; slightly improved cogeneration language; a study of backup and maintenance tariffs; and a requirement to make IURC rate reviews more public.

SB 421 Above Ground Storage Tanks: Signed by the Governor. Repeals

the law passed a few years ago requiring owners of certain above ground tanks to register the tanks with IDEM. While few foundries were impacted by the original rule given exemptions and setbacks, less regulation is always welcome.

Lastly, while not a primary foundry issue, the larger unresolved issues of the Session revolve around infrastructure funding and current proposals are likely to increase costs for all be it fuel taxes or registration fees or a combination of both.

2017 INCMA GOLF OUTING & MEMBER DINNER

INCMA has scheduled our 2017 Golf outing for August 29th with what has become an annual member dinner on the night before on Aug 28th. The member dinner typically features a special guest speaker. We will be back at the Meshingomesia Country Club in Marion. Please mark your calendar!

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