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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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LEGISLATURE BEGINS PROCESS OF WINDING DOWN (FOR NOW)

The 2021 legislative session is beginning the phase known as "Conference Committee". Legislators work in small groups to negotiate the final form of bills if the original author wishes to change something in a bill after being reviewed and debated by the other chamber. Typically, the legislature would adjourn until the next legislative session. However, this year the legislature will stand in recess in order to return and develop legislative district maps when federal census data is available. INCMA lobbyists will continue to monitor and engage on bills that could impact the foundry industry, throughout the conference committee time. Following are a few of the most significant issues with an update as to their status.

COVID - 19 Liability
[HB 1002](#) and [SB 1](#) both provide protection from liability resulting from COVID - 19. While the bills are substantially similar, HB 1002 addresses some liability issues faced by health care providers. SB 1 was signed into law by the Governor on February

18th. HB 1002 was returned to the House and may go to conference committee.

Labor and Employment Unemployment Insurance

– [HB 1152](#) seeks to provide clarity where overpayment of benefits has occurred due to fraud or failure to disclose other wages. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 8th.



Pregnancy

Accommodations – Employees may request accommodations for their pregnancy under [HB 1309](#). The employer must respond to the request but is not obligated to provide the accommodations. The bill is awaiting the signature of the Governor.

Workers Compensation – [SB 220](#) would have provided an increase in benefits by 2% a year for 3 years. Increases have been initiated in the Senate for the last several years but not entertained in the House. The bill was not

heard in the House.

Energy **21st Century Policy Task Force**

– Put in place to discuss and develop state energy policy, the Task Force will be extended by [HB 1220](#). The makeup of the group changes with this bill to include fewer lay persons and more legislators. Changes made in the Senate were accepted by the House and the bill is on its way to the Governor.

Cost Securitization – Under [SB 386](#), utility assets not yet fully depreciated but scheduled to be taken off-line would utilize bonds for the securitization of certain qualified costs. Proponents of the bill offer that the bonding mechanism could result in overall lower cost for ratepayers. The Senate accepted the changes made in the House and the bill is on its way to the Governor.

[Weekly interactive updates on all bills](#) being tracked and lobbied by INCMA are posted online. Members who would like to [determine who represents their district](#), [may click here](#).

BRAUN SPONSORS MADE IN AMERICA ACT

INCMA recently thanked Senator Braun for his leadership in cosponsoring the Made in America Act. AFS has long pressed for changes to domestic content regulations and enhanced transparency to further strengthen Buy American provisions that support metalcasting. [Click here for a section by section summary](#) of the proposed legislation.

2021 AFS ADVOCACY SUMMIT - MAY 6th

AFS will hold this year's "fly-in" virtually on Thursday May 6th which will include briefings and virtual meetings with elected leaders [Click here to register or for more information](#).

INCMA MOVES ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

For the first time in nearly 20 years, the INCMA golf outing will be held at a new location - Pretty Lake Golf Club in Plymouth, IN. The event will be held on Tuesday Sept. 14, 2021. Mark your calendars!

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