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[Register now](#) for INCMA's 2021 Virtual Legislative Impact Conference on Wednesday March 10, 2021 from 9-11:30 am. Confirmed speakers include: [Josh Richardson](#), Chief of Staff, Indiana Dept. of Workforce Development, Stephanie Salmon, AFS Washington Lobbyist, Brian Burton, IMA President. Governor Holcomb will also be providing a video update. It will be a very informative morning and include an INCMA Session update as well. Special thanks to our sponsors to date including: [B&L Information Systems](#), [Dimond Bros. Ins.](#), [Grand Industrial](#), and [KERAMIDA Inc.](#) [Click here to be a sponsor!](#)

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES NEARING FOR FIRST HALF OF 2021 SESSION

Final committee reports are due early this week and second readings must be completed by the end of the week as Legislators near the wrap up of the first half of this year's Session. A great number of introduced bills will be "dead" by the end of the week. INCMA lobbyists continue to monitor and

lobby on many bills that could impact the foundry industry. Following are a few of the most significant issues currently seeing action in the legislature.

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. Both bills have already passed their house of origin and



the overall package is expected to be settled by the end of February.

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 has passed the House and is ready for consideration in the Senate.

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 was passed out of committee and is eligible for second reading.

Workers Compensation – **SB 220** would provide an increase in benefits by 2% a year for the next 3 years. Increases have been initiated in the Senate for the last several years but not entertained in the House.

Work Sharing
Unemployment Benefits – Two bills would establish the sharing of unemployment insurance. They are: SB 44 and HB 1235. The bills require that an employer, who wishes to participate, submit a program to the Department of Workforce Development for approval. Neither bill has received committee action and are not posted for hearing at the time of this writing.

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.

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.

[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](#).

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