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INCMA's Monthly Newsletter

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2023 GENERAL ASSEMBLY UNDERWAY

Excerpts from INCMA Lobbyist Sally Rideout's first weekly Session report: The General Assembly, primarily tasked with crafting a two-year state budget, returned to work this week with time spent introducing bills, a few Constitutionally-required speeches, and some niceties.

The Indiana Senate opened with a bipartisan effort from Democrat David Niezgodski (D-South Bend) and Republican Ryan Mishler (R-Mishawaka) offering a [resolution honoring the late Governor Joe Kernan](#) with a bust in the Indiana Statehouse.

In the House, Minority Leader Phil GiaQuinta (D-Ft Wayne) exclaimed that House Democrats are excited about Governor Holcomb's goals for the upcoming budget session. Republican Floor Leader Matt Lehman (R-Berne) followed GiaQuinta with a plea to his fellow lawmakers for a fresh start in the wake of the controversial special session last summer, "I do believe we need to passionately debate the issues. We will disagree with each other, but we

must not be disagreeable. We will challenge each other, but we must not be challenging." Lehman concluded his comments with, "Let's get to work!"

On Tuesday night, amidst warm applause and glad-handing between the Governor and both sides of the aisle in the Republican-dominated General



Assembly, Eric Holcomb began his seventh [State of the State address](#). The Governor laid out his "big goals" and plans to achieve them: secure Indiana's place in the future, transform public health access across the state, and make an "unprecedented" investment in Indiana classrooms.

The Constitution also requires an annual State of the Judiciary address to the Legislature that was delivered on Wednesday. More details about that address are [here](#).

There are many more bills yet to be filed by Legislators and we won't

likely see all of them until sometime next week. [INCMA's first bill report is online](#). A few initial bills in the spotlight include: **HB 1007, Electric Utility Service (Soliday):** Requires decisions concerning Indiana's electric generation resource mix, energy infrastructure and ratemaking constructs take into account reliability, affordability, resiliency, stability, and environmental sustainability.

HB 1250, Duty to Notify Water Utility of Spill (Hatfield): Requires new rules to be adopted for notification of water utilities/treatment plants associated with spills.

SB 155, "IDEM Matters" (Niemeyer): Permits the Environmental rules board to amend permit fees as needed to pay costs related to the Title V permit program.

Watch the [webpage](#) for new reports every Friday. Email or call us with questions!

REGISTER NOW FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The 33rd INCMA Legislative Conference

will be held on February 15, 2023 in Indianapolis from 9-1 pm and once again include lunch with our legislators. This year's event will feature several excellent speakers including: Michael Hicks, Ball State University, Brian Burton, IMA, J. Brock Herr, IEDC, and Stephanie Salmon, AFS. To date, this year's sponsors include:

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INCMA ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE TO MEET

The INCMA Environmental Affairs Committee will meet virtually on Thursday afternoon Feb. 9th. If you are an INCMA member and would like to participate, please email at INCMAoffice@ameritech.net

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