

2023 Legislative Preview (Key Issues)

- Hot topics to be discussed during the 2023 Session include:
 - Biennial Budget.
 - Discussion of the state budget surplus & reserves.
 - A possible fresh look at tax caps/AV increases.
 - Review of agency rulemaking and administrative red tape.
 - Housing affordability and availability.
 - Mental health services, supports and funding.
 - Cost of healthcare.
 - Continued review of nonprofit assessment and real/personal property matters.
 - Education – high school curriculum.
 - Gaming.

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- Cost of healthcare:
 - Hospital and pharmacy economics.
 - Joint committee between Financial Institutions and Insurance Interim Committee and Public Health Interim Committee (October 20th).
 - How market concentration affects the insurance, hospital, and pharmaceutical industries.
- Mental Health:
 - Moving mentally ill people out of prisons and into treatment facilities.
 - 988 – Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.
 - 72 Hour Holds.
- Governor’s Public Health Commission:
 - The Governor will be advancing the recommendations of his public health commission as the centerpiece of his 2023 legislative agenda.
- READI Grants in the budget:
 - Additional funding coming in the next budget?

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- Education:
 - School choice.
 - Teacher shortages.
 - Changes to class curricula.
 - The creation of more work-based learning experiences.
- Gaming:
 - iGaming/eGaming on the horizon?
 - Market and policy analysis report from Spectrum Gaming Group.
 - Revenue figures sit between \$1.72 billion and \$2.09 billion for the first three years.
- Energy:
 - EV charging stations.

Other Priorities for Counties

- Taxes
 - Business personal property tax floor.
 - Gas tax.
 - Non-homestead property tax appeals process.
- Cyber Security
 - Creation of a state program to assist with cyber security threats.
- Roads/Highways
 - Review the Motor Vehicle Highway Funds distribution percentages and usage.
 - Receive stipend for training and certification of County Highway Supervisors.
- INPRS (Indiana Public Retirement System) Board under IC 5-10.5-3-2
 - Add a county representative to this board.
- Marijuana legalization
 - If the legislature decides to legalize marijuana, Indiana counties need to be included in the discussions of local involvement, taxation, permits, etc.

Other Priorities for Counties

- “Dead Voter Law”
 - Counting ballots of individuals that die prior to Election day counting.
- Public Meetings
 - Updating the Open Door Law to recognize the change in times and technology.
- State Court System
 - Shift costs of operating the State Courts to the State.
- State Board of Account (SBOA) Audits
 - Implement a cost ceiling on SBOA audits.
 - Allow audits within the open market.
- Home Rule
 - Local governments should have control over the development of local land.