

Legislative Update

The smokefree air bill, House Bill 1018, has been referred to the Public Policy Committee in the Senate. While they have not yet set a hearing date, we believe that they will take up the bill before the end of March!

The ICSA lobbying committee has been meeting with individual public policy committee members and have been asking them to speak with Senator Alting to request a hearing as soon as possible. Currently, the bill contains several exemptions, including a casino, bar & private club exemption and it allows for smoking rooms in nursing homes. The ICSA lobbying committee is working diligently to block further amendments and strengthen the bill in its current form.

We are still encouraging all ICSA advocates to reach out to members of the Public Policy Committee. Make sure they know that you want the smokefree air bill to have a hearing and that bars must be included in the bill for passage. You can visit this link:

<http://www.in.gov/cgi-bin/legislative/contact/contact.pl#senate> to send messages to the individual Committee members.

List of Public Policy Committee Members:

Senator Ron Alting (Chair, Co-sponsor)

Senator Vaneta Becker

Senator Mike Delph

Senator Randy Head

Senator Jim Merritt

Senator Joe Zakas

Senator Tim Lanane

Senator Greg Taylor (Co-sponsor)

Senator Jim Arnold

Senator Brent Waltz



The Indiana House may be stalled but the Senate can hold a hearing on the smokefree bill at any time.

Before you contact them, please check out our website at:

<http://www.smokefreein.com/2011/03/08/check-out-our-new-fact-sheets/> to read the Campaign's latest fact sheets. These will provide you with great statistics and information for you to include in your communication to lawmakers.

Please keep watching your email for Action Alerts from the ICSA grassroots committee. We will be pushing our message hard during the last two weeks of March and we will need your voice as we encourage the Senate to pass a strong statewide bill.

