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2025
LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Important Dates

- **March 3rd** – First day second half
- **March 3rd-April 14th** – county visits
- **March 19th** – INFB Statehouse Breakfast
- **April 15th** – third reading deadline
- **April 29th** – must adjourn sine die



Fun Facts

- Session kicked off January 8th – budget year
- Senate filed **543 bills**
 - Roughly 150 made it through
- House filed **714 bills**
 - Rough 180 made it through

Roughly 38% passing rate at halfway point



A person in a suit is writing on a 1040 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return form with a pen. The form is spread out on a desk, and a calculator is visible in the foreground. The scene is overlaid with a blue semi-transparent filter. The word "TAXATION" is written in large, white, serif capital letters across the center of the image.

TAXATION



Property Tax Relief

- **Modernize farmland taxation**
 - Current formula is (avg = 6 years – highest)
Drop two highest years, remove disaster payments that skew number
- **Increase capitalization rate from 8% to 10%**



WATER RIGHTS



INFB 2025 Legislative Priorities - Water

- Expanding groundwater protections rights to proactively protect ag usage (Senate Bill 28)
- Advocating for expansion of DNR GW well monitoring network to better provide consistent, real-time data through a beta-portal
- Develop a statewide water management plan, with a regionalized approach, to better identify local supply and demand needs

INFB Priorities - Senate Bill 28

- Senator Sue Glick has authored **Senate Bill 28** on our behalf to expand groundwater protection rights.
 - Under SB 28, users will have ability to:
 - 1) Self-report if their well experiences affected use;
 - 2) Request an on-site investigation completed by DNR to determine cause; and
 - 3) Afford DNR the ability to require the responsible party to compensate the affected user by either:
 - Hooking user up to new, potable supply or digging original well deeper

INFB Priorities - Senate Bill 28

- SB 28 passed third reading out of the Senate 46-0.
Representative Lindauer is sponsoring SB 28 in second half.
- INFB will continue to advocate for passage of bill including amending timeline language back to original filed version
 - Current bill allows DNR to get boots in ground within 5-7 business days to start investigation
 - INFB would like to see original language – 72 hours

Priorities of others – S B 4

IURC – Certificate of Public Convenience & Necessity (CPCN)

- Requires IURC through CPCN to permit newly constructed, continuous water pipeline which includes:
 - Capacity to transport at least 10M GPD
 - To a destination of at least 30 miles away from withdrawal source
- Exempts pipe that will:
 - Return water back to withdrawal source
 - A main extension by water utility
- Requires stringent application requirements based on proving need of long haul water pipe including cost, use, etc.
 - Requires public hearing to be held

Priorities of others – S B 4

- Requires DNR to permit all out of basin water transfers unless the following exemptions apply:
 - Made by utility from reservoir owned by utility
 - Within the utilities own service area
 - LEAP project
 - To existing utility customer as of July 1, 2025
 - To an affiliate of the water utility
 - Transfers to emergency area of need
 - Transfers unless it is determined to result in negative impacts
- Creates 10 basins in state statute
- Requires users who meet definition below to apply for permit
 - More than 100K GPD out of basin
 - Or Transfer more than annual avg of 30M GPD
 - In DNR restricted use area

Priorities of others – Statewide siting

- HB 1628 (Rep. Snow) failed to advance out of committee in first half.
 - While the language has died, concepts remain alive and desire to address local control around renewable energy projects remain.
 - INFB is continuing conversations with all players involved & will remain on defense.
- SB 425 removes local planning and zoning authority for projects that:
 - 1) generate at least 80 MGW;
 - 2) are in existence by January 1, 2025; and
 - 3) seek to expand to land within the perimeter of an existing facility
- **SB 425 EXEMPTS all wind and solar projects**
 - This allows utility owned plants to convert energy source (coal to natural gas) without local approval on sites currently owned and operated
 - This requires all wind/solar development to move through business as usual

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