

Legislative Report

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IF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY legislative calendar held true, then by the time you receive this spring session will have concluded. The last weeks of spring session flew by and the closer we got to the end, the faster the process moved, especially in this shortened year. At this time, TOI is tracking numerous pieces of legislation and continue our efforts of talking to staff, speaking with legislators, and working the various committees and stakeholders to advocate on behalf of the townships of Illinois.

Below are a few pieces of legislation, we are currently tracking, that still have an opportunity to advance before session is finished. Some of the bills you may already be familiar with due to the legislative alerts TOI has sent, others you may receive alerts regarding in the near future. At TOI, we believe that our strength comes from our mission and the unity of all of us working together. As these bills continue to advance and as legislative alerts are sent out, we ask that you help us by taking the action contained in the alerts. It is only when we all act together that we can successfully advocate on behalf of townships. For those of you who joined us in Springfield for the Township Lobby Day, it was a pleasure to see you and thank you for participating.

HB 4251 – Rep. Tony McCombie (R-71st)/Sen. Neil Anderson (R-36th)

Provides that any purchase by a township for services, materials, equipment, or supplies in excess of \$30,000 (rather than \$20,000) shall be contracted in specified ways. Provides those contracts for construction work whose estimated cost will exceed \$30,000 (rather than \$20,000) for township waterworks and sewerage systems shall be let to the lowest responsible bidder. This would bring townships in line with counties and municipalities. **TOI Supports**

HB 4489 – Rep. Jay Hoffman (D-113th)/Sen. Scott Bennett (D-52nd)

Removes the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act requirements from awards, including capital appropriated funds, made by the Department of Transportation to units of local government for the purposes of transportation projects utilizing State and

federal funds. Provides that the Act shall recognize that federal and federal pass-through awards from the Department of Transportation to units of local government are governed by and must comply with specified federal guidelines. **TOI Supports**

HB 5538 – Rep. Michael Halpin (D-72nd)/Sen. David Koehler (D-46th)

Provides that prevailing wage be paid on the construction or demolition of public works performed by an employee of a public body engaged in the construction or demolition of public works on behalf of another public body. *This bill would gut intergovernmental agreements and be an unfunded mandate on local governments that would result in an increase of property taxes.*

TOI Strongly Opposes.

SB 3789 – Sen. Julie Morrison (D-29th)/Rep. Jonathan Carroll (D-57th)

Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. Within one year after the effective date of the Act and at least once every 10 years thereafter, each unit of local government that may levy any tax (except municipalities and counties) must form a committee to: study local efficiencies, create a report with recommendations regarding efficiencies, increased accountability, and consolidation. Provides that the duties of the committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the unit of local government's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other units of local government and the State. Provides that the committee shall collect data, research, analysis, and public input. Dissolves the committee after completion of its report. *TOI worked with sponsors to address many of our concerns.* At this time, **TOI is Neutral.**