



Summary of Legislation August 1, 2018

Senate Republican Policy Committee Holds Hearings on Impact of PA's Breweries

With the Senate in post-budget recess, thoughts turned to issues that drive the economy. The Senate Republican Policy Committee, led by **Chairman David Argall (R-Schuylkill)**, held a series of hearings this past month to discuss how PA's burgeoning brewing industry helps grow the larger economy around the areas these breweries are based. In addition to tourism, panels at three different locations talked about how breweries like Yuengling, Tröegs and Neshaminy Creek Brewing attract businesses through the growing workforce that are moving near them. These hearings were conducted in a roundtable format, and included not just the brewers, but local economic developers and representatives of local tourism agencies and chambers of commerce, and local state House members.

At the Pottsville hearing, **Frank Zukas** suggested looking at the Business In Our Sites program in developing this industry. For links to these hearings, click below.

[Exploring the Economic Development & Community Revitalization Impact of PA's Breweries](#)
Senate Majority Policy Committee | July 26, 2018 | Neshaminy Creek Brewing Co. [\[Read More\]](#)

[Exploring the Economic Development & Community Revitalization Impact of PA's Breweries](#)
Senate Majority Policy Committee | July 24, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. | Tröegs Independent Brewing [\[Read More\]](#)

[Economic Development and Community Revitalization Impact of Pennsylvania's Breweries](#)
Senate Majority Policy Committee | Monday July 23, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. | Yuengling Brewery [\[Read More\]](#)

Wolf Designates Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board Under WIOA

Governor Tom Wolf designated the Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board as the commonwealth's state workforce development board in accordance with Section 101 of the Workforce Investment and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Governor stated WIOA requires state workforce development partners to work in a coordinated way to help job seekers advance their careers and help employers build their workforce. Gov. Wolf indicated WIOA outlines workforce development priorities for states including serving individuals with barriers to employment, creating career pathways, advancing sector-based strategies and using data to drive decision-making.
<https://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol48/48-30/1162.html>

Legislative Activity

No bills of interest to PEDA were acted on by the General Assembly this past month. The General Assembly is in recess until September.

Upcoming Meetings of Interest

Some House Committee meetings and session can be viewed online at: <http://www.pahousegop.com/>
Senate Committee meetings and session can be streamed at: <http://www.pasenategop.com/>

MONDAY - 8/6/18

House Democratic Policy Committee

2:00 p.m., Neumann University, John J. Mullen Communication Center, Student Multi-Purpose Hall, 1 Neumann Drive, Ashton

Public Hearing with Rep. Leanne Krueger-Braneky on Connecting Workers to Real Jobs

THURSDAY - 8/16/18

House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee

9:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Informational meeting on: [SB 799 \(Alloway\)](#) - Amends Title 27 (Environmental Resources), in environmental stewardship & watershed protection, providing for legislative findings, for Environmental Stewardship Fund, est. Clean Water Procurement Program & Watershed Innovation Fund.

TUESDAY - 9/25/18

House Finance, Local Government and Urban Affairs Committees

9:00 a.m., Room 140 Main Capitol

Joint public hearing on Act 47

The House and Senate are in recess to the call of their respective chairs.

2018 FALL SENATE SESSION SCHEDULE (Subject to change)

September 24, 25, 26
October 1, 2, 3, 15, 16, 17
November 14

2018 FALL HOUSE SESSION SCHEDULE

September 12, 13, 24, 25, 26
October 1 (non-voting), 2 (non-voting), 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
November 13

Commonwealth Financing Authority Meeting Schedule (Subject to Change)

Tuesday, September 18

10:30 AM

Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza) Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Harrisburg

Wednesday, November 14

10:30 AM

Forest Room, CKB Meeting Center, 1st Floor (plaza) Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, Harrisburg

For more information:

<https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/commonwealth-financing-authority-cfa/>

Copies of all bills of interest can be accessed via the Internet at:

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/cfdocs/legis/home/session.cfm>