SB 2591
Renewable Energy Facility AIMAs

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• Solar energy policy implemented by IFB members in Dec. 2017

• Focuses on standards that protect public health and safety, protect private property rights, and allows for reasonable development

• Supports requiring an Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) for all commercial solar energy projects

• Supports statewide standards for assessing solar energy projects for property tax purposes
SB 2591 (Sen. Bennett/Rep. Meier)

- Amended the Wind Energy Facilities Agricultural Impact Mitigation Act to apply it to both wind and solar projects

- The language included in the final version was heavily negotiated

- There are different provisions applicable to solar projects
  - Defines the solar energy projects that must enter an AIMA
  - Mandates financial assurances for decommissioning in the statute
  - Requires solar energy projects to submit a signed AIMA to IDOA 45 days prior to construction and to landowners 30 days prior to construction

- Signed into law on 6/29/2018 (PA 100-0598)
QUESTIONS?

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