

ACTION ALERT!

CALL TODAY! Bi-Partisan Jobs Bill MAY NOT Be Heard in Indiana House of Representatives.

The Institute has just discovered that an important **JOBS BILL** ([HB 1151](#), [Work Sharing](#)) supported by a bi-partisan group of lawmakers, may not get a public hearing. Despite strong bi-partisan support for this job-saving legislation, the [Indiana House of Representatives Committee on Labor and Pensions](#) has not scheduled HB 1151 for a hearing.

[Work Sharing](#) allows firms, who typically respond to a loss in demand by firing workers, to spread a small amount of the pain across many workers, at no significant cost to the state. Simply stated, instead of unemployment benefits that pay Hoosiers to NOT work, work sharing would be paying for people to work shorter hours, saving employers money, and keeping Hoosiers working.

As Indiana continues to shed jobs, **stalling Work Sharing legislation will effectively limits its ability to SAVE JOBS** considering current economic conditions.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE:

- ✓ In 2009, at the height of the recession, **Work Sharing saved nearly 165,000 jobs across the nation;**
- ✓ 23 states have Work Sharing programs.
- ✓ Together, conservative AND progressive economists [have spoken in support of the bill stating](#): “we found that there is one [policy] that clearly dominates in terms of impact and cost-effectiveness: work-sharing. The American people clearly want politicians to put aside their differences and focus on sound economic policies. Work-sharing would be a great place for them to start”;
- ✓ Just this month, New Jersey Republican Governor, Chris Christie, [signed Work Sharing legislation into law](#). Less than two months ago, Michigan Republican Governor, Rick Snyder, signed Work Sharing into law;
- ✓ Work Sharing particularly benefits manufacturing sectors. According to the [International Trade Association](#), nearly one quarter (22 percent) of Indiana manufacturing workers in Indiana depend on exports for their jobs. Because global economic growth, especially that in Europe is expected to stall, this could have additional implications on Indiana. **Work Sharing could save hundreds to thousands of manufacturing jobs** if our already struggling manufacturing sector sees additional decline in demand.
- ✓ Indiana has experienced 5 straight months of JOB LOSS.

Take Action Now!

Call your Representative and tell them You Want a Hearing for HB 1151!

Tomorrow's committee hearing is at 8:30AM. Please call Chairman Douglas Gutwein NOW. Call the switchboard at the Statehouse at **(317) 232-9856** and ask for Chairman Gutwein or your particular Representative.

Use the following link to find your Representatives phone and/or email address:

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In a short session, **time is running out for this bill! Please call the members of the [Indiana House Employment, Labor and Pensions Committee](#) NOW and tell them "Indiana needs a jobs bill. Please support Hoosier workers by scheduling a public hearing for HB 1151."