SB 2591 Renewable Energy Facility AIMAs

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IFB Policy Development

- 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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