

2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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ABOUT ME



- **Education**

- B.S. in Chemical Engineering with concentration in molecular biology from LSU
- J.D./D.C.L. from LSU Law

- **Professional**

- Five years as legislative assistant in Louisiana State Senate
- One year with Harris, Deville, & Associates
- Two and a half years as a litigation associate at Taylor Porter
- Joined LCA in December of 2023

ABOUT US

We represent the chemical industry and its interests at large through three different groups



Chemical Companies

70 Companies, over 100 locations

Mission: to promote a positive climate for the chemical manufacturing industry that ensures long term economic growth

Industry Partners and Related Businesses

More than 600 members with thousands of employees

Mission: to promote a healthy, globally competitive and growing contractor and supplier community

Political Action Committee

Board of company representatives and individuals

Mission: to ensure the political process complements and promotes industry objectives

WHAT WE DO

LCA, LCIA & LAMP

Together we advocate and unify industry voices to promote the chemical industry and opportunities for Louisiana.



Advocate for proindustry legislation



Share information and insights



Unify the industry's voice and combat misinformation



Mobilize industry organizations and supporters



Change public perception with a strategic imaging campaign




Protect and expand the chemical industry in Louisiana

About LCA

"LCA is probably the best way to get to know and network with your fellow plant managers in Louisiana...we have common issues and concerns that we can jointly work on together."

-Shell Chemical, Ascension Parish



Founded in 1959, LCA is governed by a Board of Directors that consists of senior company representatives, plant managers and divisional vice presidents.

LCA's 7 committees address core issues: **Communications & Public Affairs, Environmental Affairs, Governmental Affairs, Health & Safety** and more.

Recent work includes efforts to expand and promote new green and safe technologies such as carbon capture and advanced recycling as well as dispel false narratives surrounding environmental issues and provide facts and science to the community.

About LCIA

"Of course, protecting the industry in which we work and sell is incredibly important and having a high caliber lobbying group is priceless."

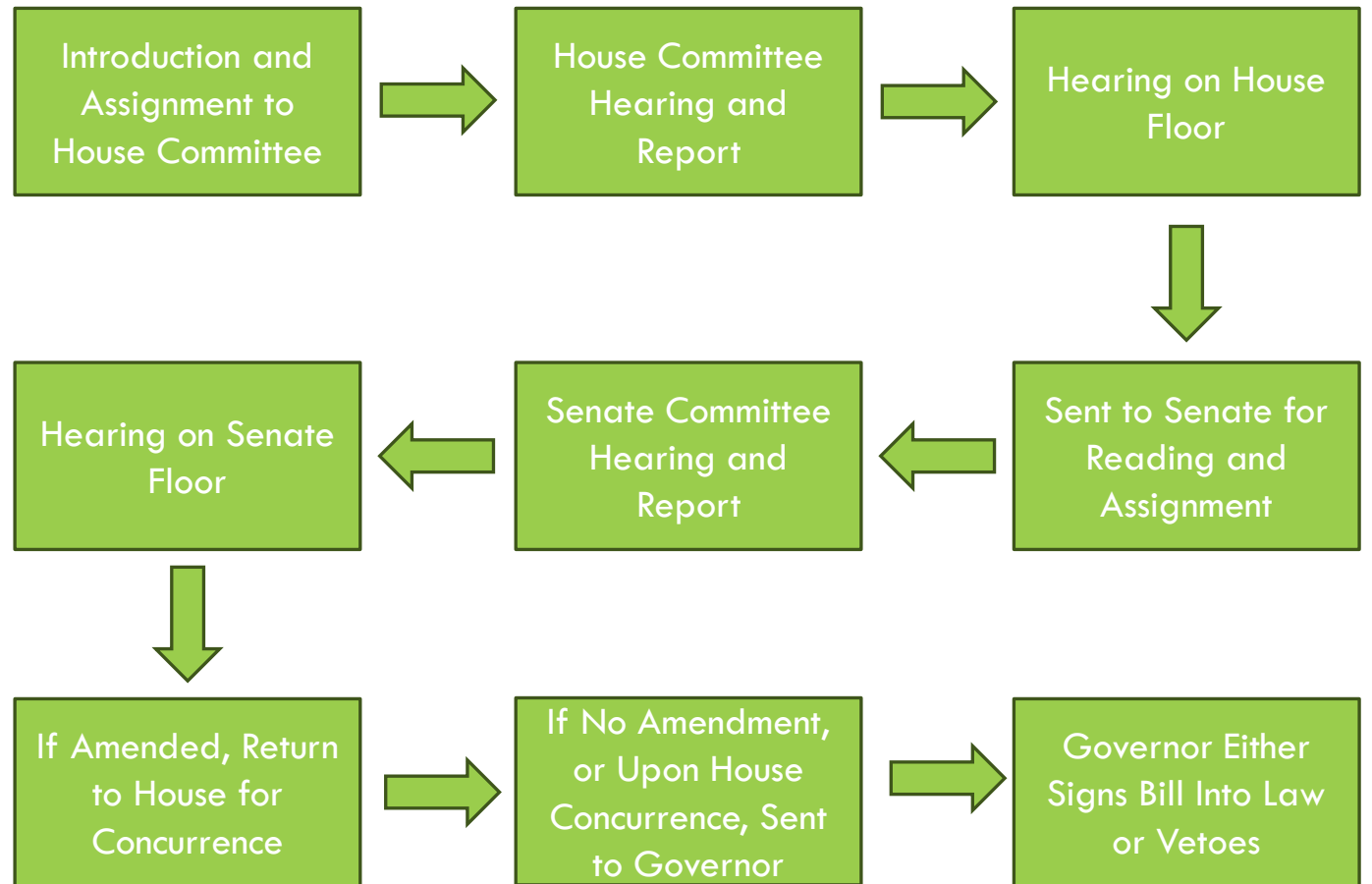
-Vice President of Marketing, Turner Industries

Founded in 1990, LCIA is a partnership between facilities and suppliers. It is governed by senior facility managers and supplier/contractor executives.

LCIA supports members through advocacy, LAMP fundraising and by maintaining ongoing communication with state and federal elected officials.

A recent joint initiative of note includes work to secure passage of an advanced recycling bill for the conversion of certain recovered materials.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN LOUISIANA



Key Facts About the 2024 Legislature

- Demographics of the House of Representatives (105 total members):
 - 73 Republicans (69.5%); 32 Democrats (30.5%)
 - 76 Male (72.4%); 29 Female (27.6%)
 - 78 White (74.3%); 27 Black (25.7%)
- Demographics of the Senate (39 total members):
 - 28 Republicans (71.8%); 11 Democrats (28.2%)
 - 34 Male (87.2%); 5 Female (12.8%)
 - 29 White (74.4%); 10 Black (25.6%)
- There are a total of 38 brand new legislators (36 Representatives (34.2%) and 2 Senators (5%))
 - Technically 11 “new” Senators, but only 2 who were not previously in the House
 - Large number of new members in the Lafayette region

What Does This Mean?

- Supermajority in both House and Senate
 - Veto-Proof
- First time in Louisiana history for a Republican supermajority in both houses and a Republican governor
- Significant focus on sending the message that “Louisiana is open for business”
 - Decreased regulation
 - Pro-business tax incentives (ITEP and others)
 - Emphasis on crime control and education reform
- Major opportunities to get in on the ground floor with new legislators, particularly in Lafayette and North Shore regions

KEY COMMITTEES

House Committees

Natural Resources and Environment

Chair: Brett Geymann (R)
Vice-Chair: Joseph Orgeron (R)

Civil Law and Procedure

Chair: Nicholas Muscarello (R)
Vice-Chair: Christopher Turner (R)

Ways and Means

Chair: Julie Emerson (R)
Vice-Chair: Ken Brass (D)

Commerce

Chair: Daryl Deshotel (R)
Vice-Chair: Polly Thomas (R)

Senate Committees

Environmental Quality

Chair: Eddie Lambert (R)
Vice-Chair: Jeremy Stine (R)

Natural Resources

Chair: Bob Hensgens (R)
Vice-Chair: Mike Fesi (R)

Judiciary A

Chair: Greg Miller (R)
Vice-Chair: Jay Luneau (D)

Revenue and Fiscal Affairs

Chair: Franklin Foil (R)
Vice-Chair: Sam Jenkins (D)

Commerce

Chair: Beth Mizell (R)
Vice-Chair: Jean-Paul Coussan (R)

2024 So Far and What's Next

- We have already had two special sessions this year:
 - Redistricting
 - Crime
- The general session begins at noon on Monday, March 11 and must conclude by 6:00pm on Monday, June 3.
- As of now, 717 House bills and 376 Senate bills have been pre-filed (1,093 total)
 - More will be filed during session, but members are limited to five additional bills once the pre-file deadline has passed (February 29)
- House Appropriations and Commerce Committees have been meeting all week in preparation for the upcoming legislative session
- Critically important session and lots of impactful legislation being proposed

Expected Relevant Topics of Legislation

1. CCUS (Carbon Capture Utilization and Sequestration/Storage)
 - At least 11 bills filed on this topic already and more are expected
 - Louisiana is one of a small handful of states granted primacy over Class VI injection wells
2. Fenceline Monitoring/Air Monitoring
 - No bill yet from Senator Cleo Fields, but one is expected
 - Already one bill regarding data collection methods and verification
3. ITEP (Industrial Tax Exemption Program)
 - Governor's executive order (JML 24-23) issued on February 21, 2024 made several changes to ITEP including removal of the job creation/retention requirement and a complete overhaul of the application procedure pertaining to local governments
4. Tort Reform/Insurance Reform/Worker's Compensation Reform
5. ESAs (Education Savings Accounts)
6. Critical Infrastructure Security Issues (Drones and Criminal Trespass)

Q&A and Contact Information

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