

EARTA BOARD LEGISLATIVE REPORT 5/10/2024

On Tuesday, April 16th, the U.S. House Ways and Means Social Security Subcommittee heard testimony on Social Security Fairness Act, H.R. 82, and S. 597, that seeks a full repeal of WEP and GPO. H.R. 82 has over 300 co-sponsors in the House, while S. 597 has 53 co-sponsors in the Senate. Unfortunately, the committee hearing served as a subject-matter hearing only and did not result in a committee vote. A timeline for action to advance the Social Security Fairness Act was not provided. IRTA's member wide Call to Action resulted in over 4,000 messages in support of H.R. 82 being sent to members of the U.S. Congress. Thank you for responding to the Call to Action.

The Illinois General Assembly completed two major deadlines on the legislative calendar. The Third Reading Deadline for substantive bills to be approved by the Senate was April 12th, and the Third Reading Deadline in the House was April 19th. Both chambers are focused on procedural issues such as moving bills to consideration of amendments and robust floor action.

The IRTA Government Affairs team continues to review and monitor legislation that has been introduced, in addition to reviewing amendments and committee hearing postings that are of interest to IRTA members.

2024 Key Dates and Session Deadlines

Below are the dates of notable activity and major deadlines for the 2024 Spring Session:

Friday, May 3: House and Senate Committee Deadline for non-appropriation bills in the opposite chamber

Friday, May 17: House and Senate Third Reading Deadline for non-appropriation bills in the opposite chamber

May 24: Adjournment

May 25 – 31: Contingent Session Days

It is an election year!

Mick Williams, Legislative Chair