Illinois Coalition for LEGAL REFORM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Spring 2026 Legislative Session Overview

As the Illinois General Assembly concludes its 2026 regular session, the Illinois Coalition for Legal Reform thanks lawmakers and stakeholders for their engagement on a range of complex policy issues and reaffirms the importance of maintaining a fair, balanced, and predictable legal environment that supports both consumers and economic growth.

Throughout the session, ICFLR engaged on a wide range of proposals affecting Illinois employers, consumers, and the civil justice system.

Key Issues

Artificial Intelligence Regulation
ICFLR participated in discussions surrounding emerging artificial intelligence policy proposals and emphasized the importance of stakeholder engagement as lawmakers consider future regulatory frameworks.

Data Privacy Legislation
The coalition engaged on data privacy proposals affecting Illinois employers and consumers, advocating for balanced policies that protect personal information while supporting innovation and economic growth.

Liability Expansion Measures
ICFLR expressed concern regarding proposals that would expand litigation through new private rights of action or create broad new avenues for civil liability without clear standards or appropriate safeguards.

Illinois Human Rights Act Proposals
While supporting strong anti-discrimination protections, ICFLR encouraged policymakers to carefully evaluate proposals that could expand liability without clearly explaining how compliance requirements would function in practice.

ICFLR Engagement

Throughout the legislative session, ICFLR worked with lawmakers, member companies, trade associations, and coalition partners to provide practical perspectives on the real-world impact of proposed legislation.

The coalition emphasized the importance of maintaining a legal environment that promotes fairness, predictability, investment, and job creation throughout Illinois.

Looking Ahead

As discussions continue during veto session and beyond, ICFLR will remain engaged on emerging issues including artificial intelligence, data governance, and evolving liability standards.

Illinois has an opportunity to advance policies that protect consumers while supporting innovation, investment, and economic opportunity. ICFLR will continue advocating for practical solutions that preserve access to the courts, promote accountability, and support a healthy business climate.

ICFLR Engagement

ICFLR thanks its member companies, trade associations, Policy Council, Board of Directors, and coalition partners for their expertise, engagement, and support throughout the legislative process.

Moving forward, ICFLR will continue working with legislators, business leaders, and stakeholders to advance policies that strengthen Illinois' economy while maintaining fairness and predictability in the civil justice system

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