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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
Highlight the Valuable Roles, Duties, and Rights of Local Governments	MORPC representatives participated in the Columbus Region Coalition’s (CRC) day on the Hill and legislative reception. The CRC is a collaboration of government, business, educational and community service organizations from the Columbus Region that jointly formulate and advocate a regional public policy agenda. William Murdock attended the Columbus Partnership’s DC activities and a team from MORPC organized, led and attended the CRC’s Hill meetings.
Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region	<p>The Senate continues its work on House Bill 114. MORPC Energy & Air Quality Director Christina O’Keeffe provided written opposition testimony on the bill to the Ohio Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. O’Keeffe expressed MORPC’s opposition to the elimination of the state’s energy efficiency requirements, how opt-outs lead to increased costs, and how energy efficiency benchmarks would be reduced to 17.2 percent from 22.2 percent by 2027 in the bill.</p> <p>MORPC supports inserting language into the bill that would increase the available federal funding to the Ohio Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP), specifically requesting the annual transfer of LIHEAP funding (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or “HEAP”) allowable under the program requirements to be maxed out at 25% (from 20%), and believes the bill can be enhanced by including incentives such as energy special improvement districts (E-SIDS).</p> <p>MORPC staff will continue to monitor the bill and seek common ground on this critical issue for our region and state. Although the bill has not received a formal hearing since January, expect to see significant attention by the Ohio Senate in the next month, as Senate leadership continues to consider the bill a priority. Also, MORPC is evaluating Senate Bill 238, introduced by Senator Matt Dolan, which reduces the state’s setback requirements for wind turbines.</p>



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Establish MORPC as Top Resource on Transportation Issues	<p>House Bill 415, which would divert a portion of surplus revenues realized by the State of Ohio to transportation funding, passed the Ohio House of Representatives on February 28. The bill would allocate 50% of the state's surplus revenue each year to a newly-created Local Government Road Improvement Fund that would be distributed to counties. The legislation had bipartisan support by an 81-15 margin. This legislation is now before the Senate Finance Committee. Staff will continue to monitor it through the legislative process.</p> <p>House Bill 95, which would create an enhanced driving penalty for "distracted driving" that only comes into play when a driver is pulled over for another moving violation, was voted out of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee unanimously last fall. The bill was voted out of the House in June 2017 and MORPC Executive Director William Murdock submitted written proponent testimony to both the House and Senate committees. Senate President Larry Obhof said he needs to further discuss the bill with his caucus prior to a vote on the senate floor.</p>
Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects	<p>MORPC began working with regional transportation leaders to develop applications for the newest federal transportation grant program known as BUILD (Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development) grants. USDOT plans to award \$1.5 billion in grants to transportation projects around the country. This amount is triple what was recently awarded under the program's predecessor program, TIGER. The most that any single project can receive from the program is \$25 million. Applications for this program are due on July 19, 2018.</p>



2018 PRIMARY ELECTION WINNERS

Gubernatorial Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Kasich	Cordray	Dewine
U.S. Senate Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Brown	Brown	Renacci
Attorney General Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Dewine	Dettelbach	Yost
Auditor Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Yost	Space	Faber
Secretary of State Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Husted	Clyde	LaRose
Treasurer Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Mandel	Richardson	Sprague
Ohio 12th Candidates		
<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
Tiberi (Vacant)	O'Conner	Balderson
Ohio Senate Candidates		
<i>District/Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
SD1 McColley	Papin	McColley
SD3 Bacon	Maharath	Gonzales
SD15 Tavares	Craig	Garcea
SD17 Peterson	Dailey	Peterson
SD19 Jordan	Valentine	Brenner
SD31 Hottinger	Miller	Hottinger



2018 PRIMARY ELECTION WINNERS

<i>Ohio House Candidates</i>		
<i>District/Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>
17HD Miller	Miller	Rush
18HD Boggs	Boggs (WI*)	Todd
19HD Gonzales	Lightbody	Barhorst
20HD Brown	Brown	Mitchell
21HD Duffey	Liston	Harris
22HD Leland	Leland	Moody
23HD Lanese	Harris	Lanese
24HD Hughes	Russo	Yassenoff
25HD B. Kent	B. Kent	Staggs
26HD H. Craig	Crawley	Arife Safiq
67HD Brenner	Hoffman	Jordan
68HD Carfagna	Tate	Carfagna
71HD Ryan	Blake	Ryan
72HD Householder	Shiple	Householder
74HD Dean	Gorman	Dean
77HD Schaffer	Pransky	Schaffer
78HD Hood	Daniels	Hood
83HD Sprague	Harshfield (WI*)	Cross
85HD Vitale	Baldwin	Vitale
86HD Pelanda	Coble	Richardson
87HD McClain	Pierce-Broadwater	TCTC McClain
91HD Rosenberger (Vacant)	Grimes	Wilkin
92HD Scherer	Workman	Scherer



TOP NEWS

Issue 1

Ohio's next congressional map will be drawn under rules meant to limit partisan manipulation after voters overwhelmingly approved a constitutional amendment to reform the process. Issue 1 passed with about 75 percent of the vote Tuesday, according to preliminary results from the secretary of state's office. The vote follows one in 2015 when Ohioans approved similar changes to the process for drawing districts for the Ohio General Assembly. The new rules for both state and federal map drawing will apply to districts created for the 2022 election, based on population data from the 2020

Columbus Issue 3

With 75% of the vote Columbus voters chose to add two seats to the council and divide the city into districts while continuing to elect representatives citywide. The seven-member council will expand to nine members, with a single member coming from each district starting in January 2024. A commission will draw boundaries for the districts.

Speakers Race

On May 15, the Ohio House is expected to vote on who will replace former Speaker Cliff Rosenberger for the remainder of the General Assembly. Prior to the resignation of Rosenberger, Rep. Ryan Smith and former Speaker Larry Householder were in a proxy campaign and Householder emerged victorious on election night with his candidates winning more than 10 open primary races, compared with one win among Smith's candidates. One race, the 98th District in Holmes and Tuscarawas counties, was a near tie, with Householder's candidate, Brett Hillyer, up by 8 votes. How these results impact the vote for Speaker next week are to be determined.

Addiction/Substance Abuse

In a phone call with reporters, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) detailed his latest legislation to send grant money to state and local law enforcement agencies to purchase drug scanning devices that would detect potent synthetic opioids like fentanyl, thereby shielding officers from exposure to those substances. Brown's "Providing Officers with Electronic Resources Act" (POWER Act) would build upon the senator's recently passed INTERDICT Act, which sent similar drug scanning devices to customs and border patrol agents. The POWER Act is co-sponsored by fellow Ohioan U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH).

Business/Corporate

GateHouse Media, owner of the Columbus Dispatch, Canton Repository and several smaller newspapers in Ohio, announced it purchased the Akron Beacon Journal.

Census

Ohio's capital city is joining a lawsuit seeking to block the Trump administration from asking a question about U.S. citizenship on the 2020 decennial census. Columbus will join the case which now includes 18 states, the District of Columbia, nine cities, four counties and the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The state of Ohio will not join the lawsuit, Attorney General Mike DeWine spokesperson Dan Tierney told Hannah News.



TOP NEWS

Economic Development

Ohio policymakers should move to “connect the entire state to high-speed Internet” as part of a larger strategy to invest more public dollars into Ohio’s economy, according to a new position paper from left-leaning organizations Policy Matters Ohio (PMO) and Innovation Ohio (IO). “A Winning Economic Agenda for Ohio’s Working Families,” released and touted by PMO Executive Director Amy Hanauer and IO Education Fund President and CEO Keary McCarthy during a press conference call, says nearly a million Ohioans -- mostly in rural areas -- currently lack access to broadband Internet services.

Local Government

The Ohio Supreme Court denied a request to reconsider its ruling against a campaign group pursuing a city charter amendment to create a ward system for Columbus City Council. Justices also rejected a case seeking to remove from the ballot a separate ward proposal backed by Columbus city leaders.

The Ohio Supreme Court heard its latest arguments in the standoff between the General Assembly and municipalities over traffic camera laws, which legislators have sought to block with threats of withholding local government funding. The city of Toledo said a lower court was within its rights to block the state from enforcing the set-off law, but the Ohio Attorney General’s Office argued that the trial court was outside its jurisdiction -- whether or not it was issuing a finding of contempt against the Legislature for attempting to skirt a previous Court injunction, or whether it was issuing a second injunction against the Legislature’s new attempt to yank local funding.

Natural Resources

With 241 cities, villages and townships earning the “Tree City USA” designation, Ohio marked its 37th year in a row in 2017 as the state with the most such communities, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

Politics

A recent poll from the Pew Charitable Trusts showed that both Republicans and Democrats said agreement with their party’s policies was the top reason why they identified with their party, but a nearly equivalent amount of partisans said disagreement with the opposing party’s policies was a major reason for their party affiliation.

Utilities

Ohio and several other states are preparing to respond to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC) request for input on electric grid reliability, saying Wednesday that PJM Interconnection’s transmission territory is both reliable and “resilient.” Draft comments apparently fall short of a precise definition of that word, however, one that has been debated since FERC first sought a verdict on grid reliability from the country’s regional transmission organizations (RTO) and independent system operators (ISO) last January. The request came after FERC rebuffed U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry’s push for coal and nuclear generation subsidies based on those technologies’ apparent resiliency.

The Ohio Consumers’ Counsel (OCC) says electric utility customers across the state should not have to pick up the tab for bankrupt FirstEnergy Solutions, which is seeking to unload \$268 million in financial obligations as part of its partnership in Ohio Valley Electric Corporation’s (OVEC) subsidized coal generation facilities. FirstEnergy’s filing with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio describes the unprofitable status of OVEC’s aging coal plants.



MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

Goal 1: Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government fostering economic growth, prosperity, efficient use of resources, and a high quality of life for Central Ohio residents.

- HB3** DATAOHIO BOARD CREATION (DUFFEY M, HAGAN C) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make appropriations.
Current Status: 12/12/2017 - House Finance, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: [w://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3](http://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3)
- HB122** ESTABLISH ECONOMIC STUDY COMMITTEE (HAMBLEY S, ROGERS J) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.
Current Status: 5/2/2018 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-122>
- HB168** CEMETERY MAINTENANCE AND REGISTRATION (STEIN D) To modify duties of the Division of Real Estate in the Department of Commerce regarding cemetery registration, to specify cemetery owners must reasonably maintain cemeteries, to establish the Cemetery Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/27/2018 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Finance, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-168>
- HB281** BROADBAND EXPANSION PROGRAM (CARFAGNA R) To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/20/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-281>
- HB371** TAXES ON UNSOLD PROPERTY (MERRIN D) To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold.
Current Status: 3/1/2018 - Re-Referred to Committee
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-371>
- HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (SMITH R, CERA J) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/11/2018 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 85-11
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-378>



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- HB478** SMALL CELL WIRELESS (SMITH R, LATOURETTE S) To modify the law regarding wireless service and the placement of small cell wireless facilities in the public way.
Current Status: 5/2/2018 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-478>
- HB500** TOWNSHIP LAW (CARFAGNA R) To make various changes to township law.
Current Status: 4/10/2018 - BILL AMENDED, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-500>
- SB135** SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION-VOTING PROGRAM (LAROSE F) To make supplemental operating appropriations for the FY 2018-FY 2019 biennium and supplemental capital appropriations for the FY 2017-FY 2018 biennium to implement a voting machine and equipment acquisition program.
Current Status: 4/11/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration; Vote 32-1
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-135>
- SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (DOLAN M) To reinstate the municipal income tax “throw-back rule” used in apportioning business income among municipalities.
Current Status: 11/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-203>
- SB225** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS (SCHIAVONI J, EKLUND J) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 3/6/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-225>
- SB239** REGIONAL COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENTS (DOLAN M) To modify the law concerning regional councils of governments.
Current Status: 4/11/2018 - Bills for Third Consideration; Vote 33-0
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-239>



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Goal 2: Achieve an advanced and exceptional transportation system that connects Central Ohio's people and products to the world.

- HB95** DISTRACTED DRIVING PENALTY (HUGHES J, SEITZ B) To establish an enhanced penalty for committing a moving violation while distracted if the distraction is the apparent cause of the violation and to reenact provisions of law that specified that certain electronic wireless communications device violations were allied offenses of similar import.
Current Status: 10/24/2017 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-95>
- HB190** RAILROAD CROSSING REQUIREMENTS (LEPORE-HAGAN M, SCHURING K) To require vehicle operators to watch, listen, and stop for on-track equipment that may be approaching a railroad crossing.
Current Status: 4/11/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-190>
- HB219** SPEED LIMIT SIGN DISTANCES (BOCCIERI J) To specify that a speed limit becomes effective at a reasonable distance from the appropriate sign giving notice of the speed limit.
Current Status: 11/8/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-219>
- HB250** ELECTRIC BIKE REQUIREMENTS (BRINKMAN T) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles.
Current Status: 4/18/2018 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-250>
- HB415** LOCAL GOV ROAD IMPROVEMENT (GREENSPAN D, RYAN S) To allocate one-half of any surplus revenue to a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund, from which money will be distributed directly to local governments to fund road improvements.
Current Status: 3/21/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-415>
- HB436** NEIGHBORHOOD STOP SIGNS & SPEED LIMITS (BOGGS K, LELAND D) To permit a local resident, neighborhood association, or neighborhood organization to request the erection of a stop sign at an intersection and to support a request for a lower prima facie speed limit on certain streets and highways.
Current Status: 2/14/2018 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-436>
- SB6** OHIO BRIDGE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOAGLAND F) To extend the Ohio Bridge Partnership Program through the end of fiscal year 2019 and to require the Director of Transportation to submit a report to the Governor, Senate, and House of Representatives recommending ways to continue to fund the program.
Current Status: 12/13/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-6>



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- SB61** PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (SKINDELL M) To make appropriations related to public transportation.
Current Status: 12/13/2017 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-61>
- SB113** VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX (COLEY W) To levy an additional registration tax on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars and trucks beginning on January 1, 2020; to authorize a per-gallon motor fuel retail price reduction for consumers that is equal to the state per-gallon motor fuel tax of \$.28; and to exempt each gallon of motor fuel that is sold at the reduced retail price from the state motor fuel tax.
Current Status: 9/20/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-113>



MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

Goal 3: Conserve and enhance the natural resources, water, air and land in our growing region.

- HB62** WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT (PATTERSON J, SHEEHY M) To require the Director of Agriculture to adopt rules establishing the Ohio Water Quality Improvement Program, to exempt land enrolled in the Program from taxation, and to reimburse local taxing units for revenue lost due to that exemption.
Current Status: 5/10/2017 - House Agriculture and Rural Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-62>
- HB121** PIPE MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS (EDWARDS J) To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project.
Current Status: 11/1/2017 - BILL AMENDED, House State and Local Government, (Fifth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-121>
- HR85** FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OVERHAUL (YOUNG R) To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rulemaking procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to ECheck in Ohio.
Current Status: 5/24/2017 - ADOPTED BY HOUSE; Vote 72-25
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HR-85>
- SB95** STATE PROJECTS-PIPING MATERIALS (TERHAR L) To require a public authority to consider all piping materials that meet the engineering specifications for a state-funded water or waste water project.
Current Status: 10/25/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-95>
- SB112** GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the green infrastructure fund and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 9/6/2017 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-112>
- SCR15** YEAR DESIGNATION-TRAILS (O'BRIEN S, WILSON S) To designate 2018 as "Ohio's Year of the Trails."
Current Status: 2/20/2018 - REPORTED OUT, House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SCR-15>



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Goal 4: Promote energy efficiency and an abundant supply of safe, reliable, and affordable sources of energy for our growing region.

- HB114** RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARDS (BLESSING III L) To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program.
Current Status: 1/10/2018 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-114>
- HB247** ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSUMER PROTECTION (ROMANCHUK M) To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged, to eliminate electric security plans and require all electric standard service offers to be delivered through market-rate offers, and to strengthen corporate separation requirements.
Current Status: 1/23/2018 - House Public Utilities, (Sixth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-247>
- SB155** ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY (TERHAR L, PETERSON B) To allow electric distribution utilities to recover costs for a national security generation resource.
Current Status: 1/10/2018 - Senate Public Utilities, (Seventh Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-155>
- SB184** WIND FARM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS (SKINDELL M) To alter the minimum setback requirement for wind farms of five or more megawatts.
Current Status: 9/27/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-184>
- SB217** OIL, GAS REVISED ENFORCEMENT (SCHIAVONI J) To revise enforcement of the Oil and Gas Law, including increasing criminal penalties and requiring revocation of permits for violations of that Law relating to improper disposal of brine.
Current Status: 11/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Natural Resources
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-217>
- SB238** WIND TURBINE SETBACKS (DOLAN M) Regarding wind turbine setbacks for wind farms of at least five megawatts.
Current Status: 1/10/2018 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-238>

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