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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<p>Highlight the Valuable Roles, Duties, and Rights of Local Governments</p>	<p>The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to approve an order that will curtail local governments' authority to regulate the rollout of fifth-generation (5G) wireless technologies. Prior to its approval, MORPC Executive Director William Murdock submitted a letter of opposition to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), on Friday, September 14th regarding the draft <i>Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order</i>. In short, the proposed regulations would limit the freedom municipalities have to impose fees or other constraints on 5G small-cell deployments. Furthermore, Ohio House Bill 478, an equitable compromise between municipalities and telecom companies that was signed by Governor Kasich earlier this year, would be undone. Several MORPC members joined, in opposition to the rule and submitted letters opposing the rule. Mr. Murdock's letter was provided to the Central Ohio Congressional delegation.</p>
<p>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region</p>	<p>The Senate continues to work on a substitute version of House Bill 114 which is pending in the Ohio Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee. MORPC Director of Energy and Air Quality Christina O'Keeffe submitted written opposition on House Bill 114 to the Senate Committee on June 20. O'Keeffe expressed how the sub-bill is an improvement from the House passed version, yet at this time it didn't merit a change in MORPC's opposing stance.</p> <p>In her testimony, O'Keeffe highlighted MORPC's support of certain provisions in the sub-bill. For example, no longer eliminating energy efficiency requirements and the inclusion of wind setback provisions that should spur wind energy development. However, she also conveyed areas of concern such as: the decrease in energy efficiency benchmarks, opt outs that significantly increase costs for consumers, and the removal of language that would provide additional funds to Home Energy Assistance Programs that would help low income residents reduce their energy costs. Staff will continue to monitor the bill as it goes through the legislative process.</p> <p>Elected officials, community leaders and organizations from across Central Ohio came together for MORPC's 2018 Summit on Sustainability. With the theme of "Planning for an Equitable Region," the Summit featured a variety of educational breakout sessions on topics including public policy, energy, environment, sustainability and air quality.</p>



TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
Establish MORPC as Top Resource on Transportation Issues	<p>One of MORPC’s primary public policy goals is to achieve an advanced and exceptional transportation system that connects Central Ohio’s people and products to the world. Yet this goal isn’t achievable without the necessary funding resources.</p> <p>As a convener of local governments, MORPC is strategically aligned to address this issue. This summer, we created the Leadership Strategy Group, to discuss funding mechanisms that can measurably improve our transportation network in the region and state. The group includes various past and present leaders on MORPC’s board, including elected officials, city managers, development officials, and others. Ohio’s next governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and the United State Congress will all begin their work anew in January 2019. This provides the opportunity to create and spark a narrative around maintaining existing infrastructure, investing in new technology, and positioning Ohio for economic development. The group will finish its work in the fall, with the goal of collaborating with key regional and state stakeholders. Members of the Leadership Strategy Group met with representatives from an array of statewide organizations to gauge the likelihood that the Group’s recommendations be supported by those statewide organizations.</p> <p>Thea Walsh continued to work with local government officials, particularly in Franklin County, to encourage the establishment of Transportation Improvement Districts, governmental organizations that fuse elements of transportation and economic development.</p>
Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects	<p>Congressional leaders had hoped to pass all 12 appropriations bills by September 30, the end of the fiscal year. Despite their best efforts, Congress was only able to pass two “minibus” or combined appropriations bills. To avoid a partial government shutdown, Congress attached a continuing resolution (CR) for these remaining departments to the Defense and Labor/H appropriations bill. The CR ensures that federal agencies will be funded through December 8, by which time Congress will have to pass the necessary appropriations bills or adopt another continuing resolution to keep them funded. What kind of appropriations bill will emerge after the mid-term election will largely depend on who controls the House and Senate in the next Congress.</p> <p>Representatives of MORPC, along with other members of the Columbus Region Coalition, met with newly-elected Congressman Troy Balderson in the offices of Kegler Brown Hill + Ritter to share the region’s federal priorities.</p>



TOP NEWS

Auditor of State

More than 100 Ohio cities are spending more money than they take in, Auditor Dave Yost announced and many of the state's 247 cities have delayed investments in capital assets including buildings and infrastructure. Yost shared this as part of his FY17 financial health indicators report, including analysis on how financial situations have changed over the three years the reports were prepared. The newest data showed "early signs of increasing stress" for some local governments, he said, and while most are doing well, the stress was concerning given that the economy is expanding.

Economic Development

The state should create a new Clean Ohio Revitalization Fund (CORF) "to create jobs, foster development and generate new tax dollars through the remediation of brownfields," the Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC) said in a new whitepaper. "Investing in Brownfields: Identifying Potential Funding Options for CORF 2.0" provides several funding suggestions for state policymakers to consider.

Employment/Unemployment

Ohio's minimum wage will jump 25 cents an hour to \$8.55 in 2019, capping a \$3.40 increase since the Issue 2 amendment to Ohio's Constitution passed in November 2006. Specifically, the minimum wage will go from \$8.30 to \$8.55 an hour Jan. 1, 2019. The hourly wage for tipped employees will grow from \$4.15 to \$4.30 next year.

Energy

At the recent meeting of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Task Force on Energy Supply in Los Angeles, sessions addressed energy solutions for rural communities, the use of technology and big data for energy emergency response, storing carbon while extracting oil, community solar, retail electric choice, energy sector developments in Canada and India, and the promise of renewable natural gas.

A new northern Ohio coalition intent on saving the Davis-Besse and Perry nuclear plants called for a "statewide" solution to their impending shutdown after SB128 (Eklund-LaRose) and HB178 (DeVitis) failed to gain widespread legislative support last year for zero-emission nuclear (ZEN) subsidies limited to ratepayers within FirstEnergy Solutions' (FES) territory. The Ohio Clean Energy Jobs Alliance, comprising more than four dozen government and labor officials and organizations, held a Statehouse press conference to alert the General Assembly to the "critical" need for passage of ZEN legislation of one kind or another.

The 13-state regional transmission organization (RTO) overseeing Ohio's wholesale electric market is preparing to issue new recommendations for a power grid increasingly dominated by natural gas generators — the target of Trump administration calls for federally mandated subsidies to aging nuclear- and coal-fired plants. PJM Interconnection President/CEO Andrew Ott told a Senate committee his agency will address grid resilience in ways the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) has not, despite FERC's having taken initial steps to address the issue last January.



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Environment

Ohio businesses diverted 3.5 million pounds of waste material from landfills in the first year of the Ohio Materials Marketplace (OMM), Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Director Craig Butler announced. The online service, which allows companies to advertise and acquire potentially useful products and materials that might otherwise be destined for disposal in landfills, saved businesses \$200,000 in disposal costs, Butler said.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA) proposal to loosen regulations on methane emissions would put Ohioans' health at risk, environmental advocates said. "Standards for methane emissions coming from oil and gas operations should be made stronger, not gutted," said clean air advocate Peggy Berry, discussing the federal agency's proposed changes during a press call organized by the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC).

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has selected 21 Volkswagen (VW) Mitigation Grant recipients for projects geared toward reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions from diesel vehicles and equipment.

The Energy Independence and Security Act (EISA) of 2007 was intended to limit the areas in which crops like corn and soybeans could be grown and harvested for biofuel to areas that were already being farmed prior to 2007. Carrie Apfel, attorney with Earthjustice, told reporters that the agency is instead using an "aggregate compliance" rule — only requiring that the same total amount of land be used for production anywhere in the U.S. — and skirting the restrictions placed in the law.

Columbus and Cincinnati were among the most recent winners of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's American Cities Climate Challenge, with each receiving \$2.5 million to reduce carbon pollution.

General Assembly/Statehouse

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) identified legislation on energy standards and regulatory reform as priorities for the lame duck session adding that he plans to meet with House Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) to discuss plans for the post-election session in the near future.

Local Government

State appeals judges focused on the definition of "levy" and whether the state's imposition of a fee on centralized collections is permissible during a hearing on a lawsuit challenging Ohio's new law on municipal taxation of business income. The FY18-19 state budget, HB49 (R. Smith), allowed taxpayers to opt to file their municipal net profits tax returns with the state rather than individually with each city in which they did business. Dozens of Ohio cities and villages sued the state after enactment of HB49, alleging it violates their constitutional home rule powers. The communities lost at trial in cases filed in Lorain and Franklin counties.

Public Safety

The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS)/Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) announced that, effective Oct. 29, HB95 (Hughes-Seitz) became law, enacting "a significant distracted driving deterrent and an effective tool for law enforcement to enforce dangerous driving." Specifically, HB95 addresses distracted driving by no longer requiring law enforcement officers to prove a driver was texting, only that a moving violation occurred and that the driver was distracted at the time.



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Transportation

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) issued a statement encouraging local highway authorities to apply for available state funding for rail grade crossing improvements in their communities. To apply, local highway authorities must submit a short application for PUCO approval. The commission will conduct a field diagnostic with local officials and apply objective criteria to determine whether and how much funding would be provided to upgrade the crossing. If the local highway authority agrees to the financial proposal, a contract will be executed and the project approved for construction.

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and its public-private partnership DriveOhio have worked with local governments on making U.S. 33 a smart corridor, and on the city of Dublin entered a memorandum of agreement (MoA) to pursue future testing of autonomous vehicles within the city, though there is no set timetable for when that would occur.

Utilities

A busy Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) moved on a series of major policy issues, ordering regulated utilities to comply with its 2018 tax mandate by filing applications to reduce rates under the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA); establishing three separate dockets for a new PowerForward Collaborative; and awarding local authorities a quarter million dollars in hazardous material training grants, among other matters including submetering and electric auction results.

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) says a "rush to judgment" by a single Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) staffer could lead to hundreds of billions of dollars in state-ordered subsidies for renewable power plants that OCC says should be driven by market forces. The consumers' counsel is asking the commission to stop the expedited hearing scheduled ordered by the staffer for 500 megawatts of wind energy and 400 megawatts of solar energy proposed by American Electric Power (AEP) of Ohio.



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: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3>
- HB175** LIVESTOCK ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY (BRINKMAN T) To allow an owner of residential property to keep, harbor, breed, or maintain small livestock on the property, and to prohibit zoning authorities from regulating certain agricultural activities conducted on residential property for noncommercial purposes.
Current Status: 1/30/2018 - House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-175>
- 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: 6/19/2018 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
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: 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-378>
- HB469** TAX CREDIT-MIXED USE PROJECTS (SCHURING K) To authorize a nonrefundable insurance company tax credit for contributions of capital to transformational mixed use development projects.
Current Status: 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-469>
- HB500** TOWNSHIP LAW (CARFAGNA R) To make various changes to township law.
Current Status: 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-500>



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- HB522** F LIQUOR PERMIT-OUTDOOR AREAS (LANESE L) To allow an outdoor refreshment area to include F liquor permit holders.
Current Status: 6/20/2018 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 87-6
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-522>
- HB602** WATER AND SEWER RESTRICTIONS (DUFFEY M, LANESE L) To penalize a municipal corporation for engaging in certain actions related to its provision of water and sewer services outside of its territory by reducing or withholding payments the municipal corporation receives from the Local Government Fund and rendering the municipal corporation ineligible for state water and sewer development funds.
Current Status: 6/26/2018 - House Finance, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-602>
- HB716** TEMPORARY LICENSING-MILITARY (BUTLER, JR. J, PERALES R) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty.
Current Status: 7/30/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-716>
- HB720** VOTE ON COUNTY SALES TAX (ANTANI N, SMITH J) To require voter approval of any increase in the rate of a county sales tax.
Current Status: 8/14/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-720>
- HB727** OHIO OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX CREDIT (SCHURING K) To authorize an income tax credit for investments in an Ohio Opportunity Zone.
Current Status: 8/29/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-727>
- HB731** BIENNIAL PROPERTY TAX REVIEW (HOOPS J) To require the Tax Commissioner's biennial tax expenditure report to include information on property tax exemptions and to require the Tax Expenditure Review Committee to periodically review each property tax exemption.
Current Status: 9/19/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-731>
- HB736** LEVYING TAX-BOARD OF ONE (BRINKMAN T) To require certain subdivisions governed by a board comprised of at least one unelected official to obtain the approval of the legislative body that created the subdivision before levying a tax.
Current Status: 10/1/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-736>



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- 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: 6/5/2018 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & AMENDED, Senate Finance, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-225>
- SB320** TEMPORARY LICENSES-MILITARY (BEAGLE B, LEHNER P) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for active duty.
Current Status: 9/25/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-320>



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

- 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 - REPORTED OUT, 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: 9/25/2018 - PASSED BY SENATE; Amended on Floor, Bill Vote 29-0
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>
- HB519** COUNCIL ON TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGY (WEST T, KICK D) To create the Ohio Council on Transportation Technology to make recommendations regarding state policies related to autonomous technology.
Current Status: 2/27/2018 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-519>
- HB676** TRAFFIC NOISE ANALYSIS (BARNES, JR. J) To require the Director of Transportation to conduct a traffic noise analysis and to construct noise barriers under specified circumstances.
Current Status: 6/5/2018 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-676>



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- HB685** DRONES NEAR AIRPORTS (BARNES, JR. J) To regulate the operation of drones near airports and to impose certain record-keeping requirements on retail sellers of drones.
Current Status: 6/5/2018 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-685>
- HB699** AUTOMATED COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (LEPORE-HAGAN M, HUGHES J) To specify the requirements for operating an automated commercial motor vehicle in the state.
Current Status: 6/5/2018 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-699>
- HB746** EV INFRASTRUCTURE STUDY (SMITH K) To establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Committee.
Current Status: 10/18/2018 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-746>
- 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>
- 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>



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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 + Clean Air Act if Congress and President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to E-Check 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>
- HJR16** CLEAN WATER BONDS (ARNDT S, PATTERSON J) To permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund clean water improvements.
Current Status: 5/15/2018 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HJR-16>
- 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>
- SJR6** CLEAN WATER BONDS (GARDNER R, O'BRIEN S) If adopted by a majority of the electors voting on this proposal, Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio shall take effect immediately.
Current Status: 5/10/2018 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SJR-6>



MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

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: 6/27/2018 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Eighth 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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CENTRAL OHIO'S FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICEHOLDERS FOR 2019

FEDERAL		
President		Donald Trump (R)
Senate		Rob Portman (R)
		Sherrod Brown (D)
House of Representatives	2nd	Brad Wenstrup (R)
	3rd	Joyce Beatty (D)
	4th	Jim Jordan (R)
	5th	Robert Latta (R)
	7th	Bob Gibbs (R)
	12th	Troy Balderson (R)
	15th	Steve Stivers (R)

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Treasurer of State		Robert Sprague (R)
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	15th	Hearcel Craig (D)
	10th	Bob Hackett (R)
	16th	Stephanie Kunze (D)
	17th	Bob Peterson (R)
	19th	Kris Jordan (R)
	20th	TBD
	26th	Dave Burke (R)
	31st	Jay Hottinger (R)
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	18th	Kristin Boggs (D)
	19th	Mary Lightbody (D)
	20th	Richard Brown (D)
	21st	Beth Liston (D)
	22nd	David Leland (D)
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	24th	Allison Russo (D)
	25th	Bernadine Kent (D)
	26th	Erica Crawley (D)
	67th	Kris Jordan (R)
	68th	Rick Carfagna (R)
	71st	Scott Ryan (R)
	72nd	Larry Householder (R)
	74th	Bill Dean (R)
	77th	Tim Schaffer (R)
	78th	Ron Hood (R)
	85th	Nino Vitale (R)
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