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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects	<p>The FAST Act established the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Program to make competitive grants for the development of model deployment sites for large-scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment.</p> <p>Because the Trump Administration is proposing to eliminate the FASTLANE grants in its budget, the latest grants have not been announced.</p>
Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region	<p>The Ohio House rapidly passed HB 114, which would replace all energy standards/mandates with goals. The bill is now pending in the Ohio Senate and has yet to receive its first hearing.</p> <p>Leadership from the Sustainability Advisory Committee (SAC) and Regional Policy Roundtable convened a conference call regarding HB 114 that would revise Ohio's energy standards. The purpose of the call was to better inform members on the bill, with the idea of MORPC possibly taking a position on it in the future.</p> <p>A similar bill (House Bill 554) was vetoed by Governor Kasich during the lame duck session of the previous General Assembly, which MORPC weighed in on. Governor Kasich has not changed his mind on this legislation. The bill will be an agenda item at the upcoming SAC meeting on Wednesday, April 19 and for the Roundtable on Tuesday, April 25.</p>
Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues. Advocate for policies and legislation that enhance regional priorities.	<p>Following testimony by William Murdock, the General Assembly finalized and Governor Kasich signed the biennial transportation budget (HB 26). The final version of the bill contains a \$5 discretionary increase for license plate fees for counties as well as additional funding for transit. Many MORPC members were instrumental in helping to lobby for the passage of the final version of the bill.</p>
Highlight the Valuable Roles, Duties, and Rights of Local Governments	<p>The biennial operating budget (HB 49) is currently pending before the House Finance Committee and its subcommittees. MORPC has been gathering feedback from its members to assess the bill's impact caused by issues such as the centralized collection of municipal income taxes, the change in the allocation of the local government fund and the mechanisms designed to provide counties and transit authorities additional revenue because of a federal government decision to not permit sales tax to be charged on some Medicaid-related services.</p>



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Agriculture

The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODAg) is accepting nominations to honor Ohio farmers who are leaders in conservation, the department announced. The Conservation Farm Family Award program has recognized Ohio farm families since 1984 for their efforts in managing natural and human resources while meeting both production and conservation goals, according to a news release from ODAg. Nomination forms can be obtained from local county soil and water conservation districts or by visiting ODAg's website at www.agri.ohio.gov. The forms can be submitted by email to dswc@agri.ohio.gov or by mail to Conservation Farm Family Award, C/O Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, OH 43608. The forms must be returned by Wednesday, May 17.

Attorney General

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine released the 2017 edition of "Ohio Sunshine Laws: An Open Government Resource Manual," along with a complete update to the Online Sunshine Laws Training. The release of the manual, commonly referred to as the "Yellow Book," and the updated training coincided with National Sunshine Week.

A new project in Southern Ohio aims to help counties deal with the spike in children's services cases tied to parental addiction amid the opiate epidemic. Attorney General Mike DeWine announced his office and Casey Family Programs will provide more than \$3.5 million, mostly in crime victim funds, to launch Ohio START, which stands for "Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma."

FY18-19 Budget

Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen told the Senate Finance Committee to expect a "not insignificant" revision in revenues for the next biennium as he provided them the initial overview of the governor's proposed FY18-19 budget. Pressed to provide an estimate ahead of the conference committee deliberations, which is when he said the revisions would be given legislators, Keen declined to provide an actual amount, although he went on to detail budget adjustments at the beginning of FY17 in July 2016 that totaled in the \$270 million to \$280 million range, adding that revenues are currently below those revised estimates by \$615 million.

City and village officials objected strongly to the Kasich administration's proposal for the state to take over collection of municipal net profits taxes as a "power grab" that will sap their budgets. Many business groups, meanwhile, endorsed the move as a needed simplification of an onerous system. The municipal net profits tax drew the most interest in the day's hearing before the House Ways and Means Committee, which was also designated for testimony on budget proposals affecting state income taxes and the Commercial Activity Tax. The hearing lasted hours.

The 18-19 Budget, as is, will also cause a permanent loss of at least \$9 million annually for the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) due to the discontinuation of sales and use tax on Medicaid Managed Care Organizations beginning later this year. It is critical for the state to find a long-term solution to this impending revenue loss for Ohio's local transit authorities.

Elections 2018

U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Wadsworth) ended speculation about his 2018 plans, becoming the second Republican to officially enter the gubernatorial race, with at least two more expected to follow him. Renacci, a supporter of President Donald Trump, adapted Trump's "America First" slogan with an "Ohio First" theme to his campaign. In his announcement, he said that career politicians in Washington and Columbus have been looking out for themselves for too long.



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Former Rep. Connie Pillich became the third Democrat to run for governor and the fourth overall when she announced her campaign on Twitter. Pillich has been laying the groundwork for a potential run over the last year, making it official with a video aimed at Democrats and saying that Ohio “needs new, progressive and unflinching leadership.”

Former U.S. Rep. Betty Sutton announced she’ll run for governor in 2018, becoming the second Democrat to officially enter the race, after Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman).

A Republican primary for the 2018 state treasurer’s race was confirmed when Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo announced he was running for the office. The announcement was expected from Mingo, who hired Swing State Strategies as a campaign consultant last year in order to help boost his statewide profile. Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) had already announced his candidacy earlier in March.

The 2018 campaign continued to solidify with Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) becoming the first official candidate into the state treasurer’s race. Sprague announced his candidacy in a video where he discussed running a small business and his philosophies as a conservative candidate.

Employment/Unemployment

The national unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in February as the nation added 235,000 jobs over the month, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). BLS said jobs were added in the construction, private education services, manufacturing, health care and mining sectors. The number of unemployed was 7.5 million, slightly down from 7.6 million unemployed in January. The number of those not in the labor force was 94.2 million, down from 94.4 million.

Ohio’s unemployment rate ticked up slightly in February, according to figures released by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS), but the state also added 15,200 jobs over the month, the second most in the nation. ODJFS said the state’s unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in February, up slightly from 5.0 percent in January. The state’s non-agricultural wage and salary employment increased from a revised 5,506,800 in January to 5,522,000 in February.

Energy

Energy legislation was quietly introduced that would restore several provisions from the vetoed 131-HB554 (Amstutz), including making renewable energy benchmarks optional rather than mandatory and expanding the energy efficiency opt-out mechanism for non-residential customers. Rep. Louis Blessing III (R-Cincinnati) is carrying HB114, which also has 54 Republican co-sponsors including House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville), Speaker Pro Tem Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), Majority Whip Tom Patton (R-Strongsville), former Senate President and now Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina), and Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati).

The Ohio House of Representatives got the veto-proof majority it wanted for the energy mandate-busting HB114 (Blessing) in a floor vote, setting the stage for a pivotal referendum in the upper chamber following pending committee hearings. Should House numbers hold, Senate deliberations will determine whether the Republican General Assembly can override the promised veto of its Republican governor. The debate over renewable energy and energy efficiency lived up to expectations, running two hours and drawing no less than a dozen floor speeches led by sponsor Rep. Lou Blessing (R-Cincinnati), who called HB114 “the latest renewable energy reform bill.”

Similar legislation, 131-HB554 (Amstutz), was vetoed by Gov. John Kasich last December, raising the stakes for a final vote tally on HB114 should the governor refuse a putative compromise and make good on his promise. A day



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earlier, in the House Public Utilities Committee, the bill saw last-minute amendments and a vote to approve it nearly along party lines, with Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) joining Democrats in opposition, saying she could support easing the energy standards but not doing away with them.

Environment

Nearly all of Ohio's public drinking water systems have submitted maps identifying lead service lines to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). The maps are available at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/pws/leadandcopper/map.aspx>.

General Assembly/Statehouse

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) released his caucus' major policy priorities for the 132nd General Assembly, dubbing it the "Buckeye Pathway." The plan covers topics ranging from infrastructure to curbing the state's opioid and heroin addiction epidemic. The caucus said the plan focuses on three overarching goals: improving Ohio's economic environment; enhancing opportunities for all Ohioans; and strengthening families and communities.

House session included passage of HB6 (Barnes), meant to crack down on companies that publish criminal arrest records then demand fees for inaccurate information to be withdrawn; and HB80 (LaTourette-Smith), meant to expand access to summer food programs.

Senate session included passage of SB2 (Hite), regarding environmental protection; SB44 (LaRose), to allow online filing of local office campaign finance reports; and SB57 (Kunze), to designate May 17 as "Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma Awareness Day."

Ohio Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) announced that expanded televised coverage of Senate standing committees will begin. In addition to the Senate Finance Committee which is already being televised, the following committees will now be broadcast on the Ohio Channel: education; transportation, commerce and workforce; and health, human services and Medicaid. The Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee will replace the transportation committee in the broadcast schedule at the conclusion of the biennial budget process in June.

Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) on introduced legislation that would create a dedicated funding source to support green infrastructure projects in Ohio.

Insurance

The governor's office announced that Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor would be stepping down as director of the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI), with Deputy Director Jillian Froment named as her replacement. Taylor will continue to serve as lieutenant governor.

Local Government

The Central Ohio Mayors and Managers Association (COMMA) is joining several other municipal leadership groups in mounting a legal challenge to 131-SB331 (Peterson). The act covers a wide range of fields including placement of small cell wireless towers in public rights of way, the matter leading COMMA and others to oppose it. COMMA represents 17 cities in the Columbus area. "[SB331] was sort of a poster child for what happens in lame duck [session] with a Christmas tree sort of bill, and why maybe that shouldn't happen," said COMMA Chairman Ben Kessler. Kessler, the mayor of Bexley, led a news conference announcing the suit, filed in Franklin County.



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Nonprofits

The United Way of Central Ohio announced Lisa Courtice as its new CEO. With a Ph.D. in psychology, Courtice brings 25 years of nonprofit executive experience to United Way, having previously served as the CEO or co-CEO of other nonprofit agencies serving Ohioans facing poverty, according to a press release.

People

The Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) announced it has hired Sarah Spence as director of government affairs.

Public Safety

AT&T has been tapped by the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) to build and manage the first nationwide broadband network for police, firefighters and other public safety professionals. The dedicated network will support first responders who serve 320 million Americans in all 50 states and several U.S. territories. The company said police, fire and EMS currently use the same commercial networks as civilians for mobile data and applications, which can bog down when service becomes congested. First responders use more than 10,000 networks for voice communications, which often do not interoperate.

Transportation

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced it will invest approximately \$2.3 billion into the state's roads and bridges in FY17. That amount of funding is just shy of the record \$2.4 billion investments made in 2014 and 2015, the agency said.

House and Senate conferees reported out the transportation budget by a party-line vote of 4-2, sending HB26 (McColley) to both chambers for approval. Lawmakers removed Senate provisions adding \$48 million to the Ohio Public Works Commission's Local Transportation Improvement Program (LTIP) and requiring \$30 million of the forthcoming Volkswagen Emissions Mitigation Trust Fund to be sent to public transit authorities for rolling stock. Conferees also agreed to allow county commissioners to approve a \$5 motor vehicle license (MVL) fee increase by resolution and removed the \$3.50 floor on the deputy registrar fee, meaning the registrar of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) can set any fee up to \$5.25 by rule.

Gov. John Kasich signed HB26 (McColley), the transportation bill, vetoing the following four items:

- » Creation of Smart Transportation Action Advisory Team.
- » Changes in the frequency of local bridge inspections.
- » Requiring the Ohio Department of Transportation to install interchanges on limited access highways every four miles in certain urban areas.
- » Eliminating the requirement that a person other than the operator of a boat observe a watersport participant being towed by the boat.



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- 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: 2/8/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-3>
- HB9** MALFUNCTIONING LIGHTS-BICYCLES (KOEHLER K) To specify that the alternative protocol for proceeding into an intersection with malfunctioning traffic lights due to a failure of a vehicle detector applies only to bicycles.
Current Status: 3/30/2017 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, 95-0, Emergency Clause 95-0
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-9>
- HB10** INTRASTATE EQUITY CROWDFUNDING (ARNDT S) To permit intrastate equity crowdfunding under certain circumstances.
Current Status: 2/21/2017 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-10>
- HB26** TRANSPORTATION-PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET (MCCOLLEY R) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs.
Current Status: 3/31/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Some provisions line-item vetoed, eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-26>
- HB49** OPERATING BUDGET (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.
Current Status: 4/6/2017 - Senate Finance Health and Medicaid Subcommittee, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-49>
- HB53** PUBLIC EMPLOYEES-MEMBER DUES (BECKER J) To remove any requirement under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to join or pay dues to any employee organization, to prohibit an employee organization from being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee organization, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-53>
- 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: 2/21/2017 - Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Rural Development
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-62>



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- HB69** 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: 3/28/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-69>
- HB70** FUEL TAX TRANSPARENCY (MERRIN D) To enact the “Fuel Tax Transparency Act” requiring stickers to be placed on retail service station pumps displaying the rates of federal and state taxes applicable to gasoline and diesel fuel.
Current Status: 3/15/2017 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-70>
- 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: 3/29/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-95>
- HB103** FISCAL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS (REINEKE W) To modify the composition and powers of the financial planning and supervision commission of a political subdivision that is in a state of fiscal emergency and to clarify the duties of that political subdivision.
Current Status: 3/29/2017 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 96-1
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-103>
- 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: 3/30/2017 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 65-31
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-114>
- 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: 3/28/2017 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-122>
- HB125** TRAFFIC ORDINANCE JURISDICTIONS (CRAIG H, SEITZ B) To specify the jurisdiction of municipal and county courts over municipal traffic ordinances and to establish requirements governing fines, fees, or other charges for traffic violations and infractions imposed by a municipal corporation that does not have the authority to establish a mayor’s court.
Current Status: 3/28/2017 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-125>



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- HB139** PUBLIC RECORD DISCLOSURE EXEMPTIONS (PERALES R, KELLER C) To eliminate the public disclosure exemption for any permanently retained record 100 years after the date of its creation.
Current Status: 3/29/2017 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-139>
- HB144** STATIONARY WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES (GREEN D, ROGERS J) To require motor vehicle operators to take certain actions upon approaching a stationary waste collection vehicle collecting refuse on a roadside.
Current Status: 3/29/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-144>
- HB163** PREVAILING WAGE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (ROEGNER K, RIEDEL C) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.
Current Status: 3/28/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-163>
- 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: 4/5/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-175>
- HB179** IMMIGRATION LAW COMPLIANCE (KELLER C) To require state and local authorities to cooperate with the federal government in the enforcement of immigration laws, to prohibit a local government that fails to do so from receiving certain state funds, to provide for the removal of officers of a local government that fails to do so, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 4/10/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-179>
- SB2** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.
Current Status: 3/29/2017 - Referred to Committee House Energy and Natural Resources
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-2>
- 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: 3/22/2017 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 33-0
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-6>



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- SB13** RECORDING LAW ENFORCEMENT (TAVARES C) To grant a person the right to lawfully record any incident involving a law enforcement officer and to impose civil liability upon the state or a local law enforcement agency if a law enforcement officer employed by the state or local law enforcement agency interferes with the recording of the incident, destroys the recording, seizes the recording without a warrant or subpoena or the person's consent, or retaliates against the person who recorded the incident.
Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-13>
- SB17** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND ALLOCATION (TAVARES C) To increase monthly allocations to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month.
Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-17>
- SB19** PROSECUTING ATTORNEY RESTRICTIONS (THOMAS C) To prohibit prosecuting attorneys of counties with a population of 400,001 or more from engaging in the private practice of law.
Current Status: 2/22/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-19>
- SB30** VEHICLE RESOLUTIONS BY COUNTIES (EKLUND J) To authorize counties to adopt resolutions regulating motor vehicle traffic on county and township roads.
Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-30>
- SB31** HEALTH RULE WITHDRAW PROCESS (EKLUND J) To authorize a board of county commissioners or municipal legislative authority to elect to withdraw the county or municipal corporation from the application of any rule adopted by the Department of Health after January 1, 2014, that governs the design of household sewage treatment systems.
Current Status: 3/1/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-31>
- SB43** TOWNSHIP BUILDING CODES (BACON K) To enable limited home rule townships to adopt building codes regardless of any similar codes adopted by the county in which the township resides.
Current Status: 3/28/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-43>
- SB51** LAKE ERIE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (SKINDELL M, EKLUND J) To authorize the creation of a special improvement district to facilitate Lake Erie shoreline improvement.
Current Status: 3/29/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-51>



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- SB59** BICYCLE USE-HELMETS (SKINDELL M) To require bicycle operators and passengers under 18 years of age to wear protective helmets when the bicycle is operated on a roadway and to establish the Bicycle Safety Fund to be used by the Department of Public Safety to assist low-income families in the purchase of bicycle helmets.
Current Status: 3/28/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-59>
- SB61** PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION (SKINDELL M) To make appropriations related to public transportation.
Current Status: 2/22/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-61>
- SB72** PREVAILING WAGE LAW (HUFFMAN M) To allow political subdivisions, special districts, and state institutions of higher education to elect to apply the Prevailing Wage Law to public improvement projects.
Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-72>
- SB75** WATER SERVICE PROPERTY LIENS (BROWN E) Regarding property liens for unpaid county or municipal water service charges.
Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Natural Resources
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-75>
- 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: 4/5/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-95>
- SB97** REGIONAL STUDY COMMITTEE CREATION (LAROSE F, YUKO K) To establish a Regional Economic Development Alliance Study Committee to study the benefits and challenges involved in creating regional economic development alliances.
Current Status: 3/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-97>
- SB103** COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS (COLEY W) To permit a board of county commissioners, as an alternative to entering into an agreement to establish a countywide emergency management agency, to enter into a contract of not longer than four years with the county sheriff or a chief of a fire department that has countywide authority to implement a countywide emergency management program.
Current Status: 3/21/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-103>
- SB111** SCHOOL ZONE SIGN LIGHTS (TAVARES C) To require school zones to be indicated by signs equipped with flashing or other lights or that indicate the times during which the restrictive speed limit is enforced, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 3/21/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-111>



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- SB112** GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the green infrastructure fund and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 3/21/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-112>
- 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: 3/21/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-113>
- SB123** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINT PROCESS (COLEY W) To limit the right to initiate most types of property tax complaints to the property owner and the county recorder of the county in which the property is located.
Current Status: 4/5/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-123>
- SCR2** MUNICIPAL IDENTIFICATION CARDS (THOMAS C) To urge municipal corporations throughout the state to adopt a Municipal Identification Card Program.
Current Status: 2/14/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SCR-2>
- SJR4** CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING (SCHIAVONI J) Proposing to enact Section 2t of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to permit the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund sewer and water capital improvements.
Current Status: 3/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SJR-4>
- SR19** RESCINDING IMMIGRATION EXECUTIVE ORDER (THOMAS C) To urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation rescinding the January 27, 2017, presidential executive order regarding immigration and limiting the authority of the President of the United States to prohibit classes of persons from entering the United States.
Current Status: 2/1/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SR-19>

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