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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p>Highlight the Valuable Roles, Duties, and Rights of Local Governments</p>	<p>The biennial operating budget (HB 49) passed the House and is pending before the Senate Finance Committee.</p> <p>Prior to the budget passed the House, William Murdock submitted written interested party testimony on April 24.</p> <p>The testimony focused on areas of opportunity and concern in the budget. The topics below were highlighted within the testimony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Centralized Collection » Throwback Rule » Local Government Fund » Water Quality and Quantity » Transit and Public Library Funding » Data Sharing » Safe Sidewalks for Seniors Initiative
<p>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region</p>	<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 bill was reviewed by the SAC and the Roundtable in April. Staff will continue to track the bill with the idea of possibly taking a position on the bill in the future.</p>
<p>Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues. Advocate for policies and legislation that enhance regional priorities.</p>	<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>



TOP NEWS

Aging

According to unofficial results, the three senior services levies on the May 2 ballot in Ohio all passed with big margins.

Ballot Issues

Ohio Attorney General (AG) Mike DeWine rejected the petition for a proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution which would change Ohio's congressional redistricting process, saying the petition summary omits important information.

FY18-19 Budget

The House reduced all spending by \$1 billion in FY18 and \$1.5 billion in FY19 while directing about a quarter billion dollars more over two year to schools and anti-addiction efforts in the first round of major changes to Gov. John Kasich's proposed budget. The House Finance Committee accepted the substitute version of HB49 following a morning press conference where Chairman Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis) explained the changes alongside House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) and Speaker Pro Tem Kirk Schuring (R- Canton). The House changes give the greatest funding increases to drug treatment, prevention and recovery efforts, with an additional \$170 million allocated. In K-12 education, the House committed about \$80 million in additional funding. The proposal largely jettisons Gov. John Kasich's tax reform proposals, foregoing attempts at a tax cut but eliminating the bottom two brackets of the income tax.

The new House version of the FY18-19 budget bill targets more K-12 funding to help schools with low property wealth, high transportation costs or heavy dependence on power plants as part of their tax base. The substitute version of HB49 (R. Smith), accepted in House Finance Committee, includes a small across-the-board increase in base per-pupil funding, raising it from \$6,000 to \$6,020. The bill also raises the cap on how much funding above FY17 levels a school can get, from 5 percent to 5.5 percent. In addition, it changes the multiplier used in the capacity aid calculation for low-wealth districts from 3.5 to 4.0. Plus, the bill exempts the transportation supplement for geographically dispersed districts from funding guarantees.

House Republicans are trying to address the addiction problem in Ohio with initiatives in everything from treatment facilities to child protective services to getting workforce credentials for those in recovery. The plan unveiled in the new version of HB49 (R. Smith) is part of the caucus' Ohio HOPES (heroin, opioid, prevention, education and safety) agenda. House Finance Committee Chairman Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Gallipolis) provided an outline of how the House substitute budget bill allocates \$170.6 million.

Local business leaders and tax practitioners around the state apparently are talking mostly to their state associations and the tax commissioner about their concerns with the imposition of municipal income tax on business net profits, because some members of the Senate Finance Committee said they have heard nothing on the issue even though Tax Commissioner Joe Testa pegged the savings to businesses in compliance costs at \$800 million. Testa, testifying before the full finance committee on the tax proposals contained in the governor's proposed FY18-19 budget, HB49 (R. Smith), provided an expansive explanation of the proposal whereby his department would serve as the sole administrator of the municipal net profits tax on business entities via an expanded Ohio Business Gateway (OBG) — a proposal that has drawn strong opposition from local government. He repeatedly noted they are bringing the proposal to the Legislature on behalf of businesses in the state.



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Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) provided a forecast of Senate budget deliberations, saying the upper chamber is facing major cuts to HB49 (R. Smith) and a focus on outcomes rather than sheer dollars when it comes to the opioid crisis, public education and other concerns. “I do expect that there will be a lot of challenging decisions that need to be made over the next few months,” he said. “I think the Senate will significantly decrease the amount of money being spent in this budget.”

Economic Development

Leading economic indicators for Ohio’s private development agency dropped below 2012 numbers last year after two straight years of growth, as capital investments fell by nearly a third in 2016. Total new projects and new jobs commitments negotiated by JobsOhio trailed the previous year’s performance by double digits. Retained jobs were way up in 2016, however, suggesting the nonprofit agency is having an easier time getting companies to agree to remain in Ohio than to relocate here or to actually expand their operations.

Gov. John Kasich announced the approval of assistance for seven projects set to create 641 new jobs and retain 846 jobs statewide. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. Collectively, the projects are expected to result in more than \$32 million in new payroll, and spur more than \$167 million in investments across Ohio.

Employment/Unemployment

The national unemployment rate dropped from 4.7 percent in February to 4.5 percent in March as total nonfarm payroll employment edged up by 98,000 jobs, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) said. The number of unemployed persons decreased by 326,000 over the month to 7.2 million, BLS said. The unemployment rates for adult women, whites and Hispanics declined in March, while other groups showed little or no change.

Ohio’s unemployment rate remained at 5.1 percent in March, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) said, as the state dropped 4,100 jobs and the number of unemployed was unchanged. According to ODJFS, Ohio’s nonagricultural wage and salary employment went from a revised 5,522,800 in February to 5,518,700 in March. The number of unemployed workers was 294,000 in March, unchanged from February. The number of unemployed has increased by 9,000 over the past 12 months, when there were 285,000 unemployed. The March 2016 unemployment rate was 5.0 percent.

Environment

Environmental organizations are seeking to force the federal government to address Ohio’s list of “impaired” waters under the Clean Water Act. The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), Ohio Environmental Council (OEC) and other groups have filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the U.S. District Court of the District of Columbia, arguing the federal agency is taking too long to approve or deny the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s (Ohio EPA) 303(d) list in the “Ohio 2016 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report.” In a news release, OEC said the agency needed to make a decision on the list in 30 days, noting the list was submitted in October 2016.



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Federal

The still-young administration of Donald Trump was one of many federal issues discussed at a Columbus Metropolitan Club (CMC) panel featuring U.S. Reps. Joyce Beatty (D-Columbus) and Pat Tiberi (R-Columbus). The panel titled “The First 100 Days” and moderated by WOSU’s Mike Thompson, began with a discussion on the Trump administration and moved onto a wider range of topics, including immigration, redistricting and education, among others.

With congressional negotiators reaching a deal to keep the government funded through September, U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Rob Portman (R-OH) noted the package included federal resources for states hit hard by the opioid and heroin crisis and funding for health care for Ohio miners, both issues the two have been fighting for recently. Portman noted that the bipartisan agreement fully funds the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA), which he sponsored, and the CURES Act, and increases opioid funding.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) outlined his recommendations for a renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), saying above all else, workers must be at the negotiating table so that they don’t get left behind.

General Assembly/Statehouse

Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said he’s resigning leadership to focus on his candidacy for Ohio governor in 2018. The Senate Democratic Caucus elected Sen. Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) to replace Schiavoni. Later in the week, the Senate changed committee assignments to reflect the change.

Rep. Heather Bishoff (D-Blacklick) resigned, ending her term in the Ohio House immediately to focus on her family and growing the Bishoff Financial Group.

The House unanimously passed legislation that would eliminate the requirement that a special primary election be held for congressional races if a candidate drops out or in other certain cases. Under HB18 (Pelanda-Retherford), the special election would not need to be held if only one person files to fill the vacancy in the election, or if no candidates file for the seat.

Governor

The governor signed HB9 (Koehler), which specifies 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, on Sunday, April 30. As an emergency measure, it became effective immediately.

The governor made the following appointments during the week: Charles O. Moore of Genoa Township (Delaware County) to the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Fund for a term beginning April 28, 2017, and ending Sept. 27, 2020.

People

State Fire Marshal Larry Flowers retired Friday, May 5 after having served as Ohio’s 37th fire marshal, having been appointed in April 2011. A former state representative, Flowers will be succeeded on an interim basis by Deputy Chief Fire Marshal Jeff Hussey.

The County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO) announced that Franklin County Engineer Dean C. Ringle will become the association’s new executive director, effective July 1, 2017.



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Transportation

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) announced the appointment of Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) to the Ohio Rail Development Commission (ORDC).

Utilities

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) says a new bail-out of nuclear power plants following the failure of FirstEnergy's power purchase agreement (PPA) would only add to the billions of dollars in state-ordered subsidies customers have paid to regulated utilities in an otherwise deregulated energy market. SB128 (Eklund) would require participating electric utilities to buy nuclear energy "credits" to prop up FirstEnergy's Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Perry Nuclear Generating Station in northern Ohio. Proceeds would go to a "zero-emissions nuclear resources fund" administered by the Ohio Treasurer of State for distribution to FirstEnergy and any other nuclear power plant that might emerge. Utilities' costs would then be charged to all participating ratepayers through a non-bypassable bill rider.

Former energy partner Daniel Conway joined his first voting session as the newest member of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), which approved Dayton Power & Light's (DP&L) latest auction results and denied a second rehearing of its shutdown order against Ohio Rural Natural Gas.

MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- 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: 4/30/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Effective 4/30/17
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>



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- HB49** OPERATING BUDGET (SMITH R) Creates FY 2018-2019 main operating budget.
Current Status: 5/11/2017 - Senate Finance Higher Education Subcommittee, (Fourth 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: 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>
- 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: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Sixth 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: 4/26/2017 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third 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: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-103>



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- 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: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Natural Resources
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: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Third 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: 5/9/2017 - House Criminal Justice, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-125>
- 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: 5/9/2017 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
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: 5/10/2017 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)
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: 5/9/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
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: 5/10/2017 - House Agriculture and Rural Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-175>



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- 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: 5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-179>
- 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: 5/1/2017 - Referred to Committee House Federalism and Interstate Relations
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HR-85>
- SB2** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.
Current Status: 5/9/2017 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
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>
- 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>



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- 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>
- 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>



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- 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: 4/26/2017 - 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-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: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-111>
- SB112** GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the green infrastructure fund and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
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: 4/26/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-113>



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- 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: 5/3/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
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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