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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

| <i>Priority</i> | <i>Status</i> |
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| Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects | <p>The Trump Administration announced that it is replacing the FASTLANE grant with the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) program.</p> <p>This new program will result in a new wave of applications for FY 2017 and 2018 funding.</p> <p>Under the INFRA program, local leverages of funds will be more highly valued. Also, projects that can use alternative, quicker methods of project delivery will be more highly valued.</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 received two hearings. As you may remember, a similar bill (HB 554) was vetoed by Governor Kasich during the lame duck session of the previous General Assembly, which MORPC weighed in on.</p> <p>The bill will be an agenda item at the upcoming Regional Policy Roundtable meeting on Tuesday, August 1st and at the next Sustainability Advisory Committee on Wednesday, July 19th.</p> <p>The biennial operating budget (HB 49) provided an increase in the percentage of federal funds that are used for weatherization – a position supported by MORPC.</p> |
| Highlight the Valuable Roles Duties, and Rights of Local Governments | <p>The biennial operating budget (HB 49) was signed by Governor Kasich on June 30. Fortunately, the structural budget deficit was not balanced by further cuts to the local government fund, although the budget itself was balanced. Throughout the entire budget process, MORPC provided feedback on provisions affecting its members. Specifically, MORPC weighed in on 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> |
| Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues | <p>President Trump unveiled his FY 2018 budget. In it, the Administration proposed to eliminate the TIGER program, Community Development Block Grants and significantly decrease funding for transit programs. MORPC communicated its dissatisfaction with these proposed changes to the budget during its participation in the Columbus Region Coalition’s visit to Capitol Hill on Thursday, June 15.</p> <p>USDOT announced it is seeking input from stakeholders regarding current agency regulations that slow the project approval process and that should be removed or revised. MORPC will be compiling comments to submit by the July 24th deadline and asks its members for suggestions and comments including a description of the burden, description of less burdensome alternatives, and examples of affected projects. Please send suggestions to bschneck@morpc.org.</p> |



TOP NEWS

FY18-19 BUDGET

As the conference committee on HB49 (R. Smith) began hammering out the differences between the House and Senate versions of the FY18-19 biennial budget, new projections from the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) and the Legislative Service Commission (LSC) confirmed that lawmakers have \$1 billion less to work with than was originally thought when the bill was introduced in February.

The Legislature finished up its work on the proposed FY18-19 budget, HB49 (R. Smith): The Conference Committee on the bill reviewed over 500 pages with over 600 points of difference, finishing late Tuesday, June 27. Both houses then agreed to the report sessions, clearing the way for it to go to the governor who must sign it by July 1 so it is in place for the start of the new fiscal year. Among the major provisions included in the conference report are the following: retention of the Senate-added provision freezing enrollment in the Medicaid expansion eligibility group on July 1, 2018 but amended to exempt individuals with a mental illness or drug addiction; authorization for the Office of Budget and Management to transfer cash from certain agencies to the General Revenue Fund (GRF); reimbursement for counties for up to 50 percent of acquisition costs for voting machine upgrades; reinstatement of the Joint Education Oversight Committee; authorization for the speaker and Senate president to appoint members of the Oil and Gas Leasing Commission; exclusion of fifth-degree felony drug traffickers from the administration's prison diversion efforts; elimination of changes in the handling of wrongful imprisonment; revisions to the calculation of the Current Agricultural Use Valuation (CAUV); elimination of the Manufactured Homes Commission, the Permanent Joint Committee on Gaming and Wagering and the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission; and permitting casinos to provide free tasting samples of beer, wine and liquor.

The House approved the conference committee report by a vote of 59-38 and the Senate, 24-8, approval margins that set up the possibility of veto overrides which require a three-fifths majority in both chambers.

With minutes to spare before the start of FY18, Gov. John Kasich signed HB49 (R. Smith), the budget for FY18-19. He did veto 47 items ranging from the Medicaid freeze on new enrollees in the Medicaid expansion group beginning in FY19. He also vetoed a number of Medicaid related items including the alternative for the health insuring corporation (HIC) waiver which replaces the managed care sales tax.

The House of Representatives returned, overriding 11 of the 47 vetoes: nine of them dealing with the Medicaid program although the Medicaid freeze was not among them. Other overrides addressed who appoints members of the Oil and Gas Leasing Commission and the authority of the Controlling Board to determine appropriations adjustments and creation of new funds. Many of the overrides were bipartisan. According to House Speaker Pro Tem Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), all other vetoes remain on the table. The prospect of Senate action to override budget vetoes moved further out into the future Monday with an announcement that the chamber cancelled the final if-needed sessions included on its long-term calendar for the first half of 2017.

FY16-17 BUDGET - UPDATE ON REVENUES

Despite state tax revenues lagging estimates for most of the year, Ohio ended the fiscal year last Friday with some money to spare. Ohio finished June with \$170.9 million in unspent funds, equaling the .5-percent surplus required by state law. The amount wasn't enough to deposit any money into the state's rainy day fund, which has a little more than \$2 billion. The balance will roll over into the next fiscal year for operating expenses.



TOP NEWS

ADDICTION/SUBSTANCE ABUSE

The city of Dayton sued pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors for their role in allegedly perpetuating the opioid crisis, saying a recent lawsuit by Attorney General Mike DeWine doesn't go far enough; the city of Lorain is expected to follow suit. The lawsuit was announced by Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, who is also a 2018 Democratic candidate for governor.

AGRICULTURE

The Ohio Department of Taxation issued its Current Agricultural Use Values (CAUV) for the 2017 tax year at a public hearing amid steady concerns from farmers and agriculture stakeholders about sky-rocketing property tax rates.

ENVIRONMENT

The Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Army, and Army Corps of Engineers (the agencies) proposed a rule in June to rescind the Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed prior to 2015 defining "waters of the United States" or WOTUS. The Obama era regulation was designed to limit pollution in 60 percent of the nation's bodies of water. The rule extended federal protections of large bodies of water to smaller bodies that flow into them such as rivers, small waterways, and wetlands. A federal court had already delayed implementation of the regulation, so the proposed rule will have no immediate effect. In addition, the Trump administration will have to detail the legal reasoning for scaling back the rule, which will be challenged by environmental groups.

Municipalities and scientists should consider more stringent methods of water quality monitoring following a finding that a virus was involved in Toledo's water crisis, according to a new study. In August 2014, toxins from harmful algal blooms in Lake Erie caused officials to shut down the city of Toledo's water supply, leaving more than 400,000 area residents without potable water for more than two days.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY/STATEHOUSE

Rep. Nathan Manning (R-North Ridgeville) was named policy chair for the House Majority Caucus.

The House voted to pass HB95, enhanced penalties for distracted driving; HB125 (Craig-Seitz), which caps fees for traffic violations in response to small-town speed traps; HB69 (Cupp), regarding reimbursements to township fire and emergency services for revenue foregone in a tax increment financing arrangement.

The screening committee for the House Democratic Caucus announced the selection of attorney Richard Brown of Canal Winchester to fill the 20th District seat left vacant by the resignation of Rep. Heather Bishoff (D-Blacklick) earlier this year. Brown was officially seated.



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HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS

Ohio's "Housing Wage" increased again this year, now reaching \$15 an hour. This is the hourly amount renters need to earn to afford rent for a basic, two-bedroom apartment. This is according to a report jointly released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition and the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO). The typical renter in Ohio earns \$12.87, which is \$2.13 less than the statewide hourly housing wage. The Columbus metropolitan area has Ohio's highest Housing Wage at \$17.04, followed by Cincinnati at \$15.50, Akron at \$15.19 and Cleveland at \$15.02.

JUDICIAL

Provisions in 131-SB331 (Peterson) dealing with the minimum wage, employer policies and micro-wireless facilities have been struck down as unconstitutional. Franklin County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard Frye said those sections of the bill violate the Ohio Constitution's single subject rule because they have nothing to do with the purpose of the bill, which is to address animal welfare.

The Ohio Supreme Court issued rulings more favorable to the position of open government advocates during the past two years than during the previous five years, according to a recent analysis by the Ohio Coalition for Open Government (OCOG). During the 2015 and 2016 calendar years, the Court issued 13 rulings which OCOG said it considered supportive of open government, open meeting, and Sunshine Law issues. These rulings included high-profile cases such as deciding that police dash-cam videos are public records along with more routine rulings such as admonishing the city of South Euclid for not releasing requested records to citizens.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Ohio Mayors Alliance announced that Columbus Mayor Andrew Ginther and Kettering Mayor Don Patterson have joined the board of the bipartisan organization of mayors representing Ohio's largest cities and suburbs. The two mayors were appointed during a meeting in Columbus. Patterson was nominated by Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, who stepped down from the board but said she will remain actively engaged in the organization. Whaley is running for governor in 2018.

NATURAL RESOURCES

For the 36th consecutive year, Ohio has been recognized as the nation's leader in Tree City USA communities, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR).

OHIO CONSTITUTIONAL MODERNIZATION COMMISSION (OCMC)

The Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC) officially announced it was closing its doors Friday, June 30 after nearly six years of work. The OCMC, created in 2011 by the Ohio General Assembly in 129-HB188, was modeled after the Ohio Constitutional Revision Commission which completed its work in the 1970's. Originally scheduled to conclude in 2021, the recently passed budget bill moved up that date to June 30, 2017.



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PEOPLE

Marathon Petroleum CEO and the chairman of the Ohio Business Roundtable Executive Committee, Gary R. Heminger, announced that the roundtable's president, Richard A. Stoff, will retire at the end of 2017. Stoff, 68, was a founder of the roundtable and its only president in its 25-year history.

TRANSPORTATION

The state needs to change the way it finances transportation infrastructure as fuel efficiency continues to improve and electric cars gain in popularity, Sen. Bill Coley (R-West Chester) said. The Southwest Ohio lawmaker's SB113 would create a motor fuel tax reduction card for those registering a car in the state.

Adults who fail their first attempt at the driving test will soon be required to take an abbreviated driver training course. The new rule from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) goes into effect July 1. The regulation was created under transportation budget 131-HB53 (Grossman), and will only apply to first-time applicants 18 years of age or older who have never held a driver's license. The person will be able to test a second time after completing the course. Previously, adults were never required to complete a training course before becoming licensed.

UTILITIES

American Electric Power (AEP) of Ohio will pay \$84 million in billing credits to consumers who purchased generation service from the utility over a three-year period. The announcement follows a global settlement between AEP and dozens of complainants in recent months. The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) joined the company in announcing an average June billing credit of \$60 for Ohioans who were customers of AEP's standard service offer (SSO) at any time from August 2012 to May 2015. Actual payments are based on ratepayers' electric usage. The \$60 credit represents an average load of 1,000 kilowatt-hours per month.

Ohio owners of the coal-fired Ohio Valley Electric Corporation (OVEC) moved one step closer to legislatively sanctioned generation subsidies as the House Public Utilities Committee approved major changes to HB239 (Smith-Carfagna) intended to soften opposition to the bill. With additional amendments pending, the legislation did not receive a scheduled vote, however.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) moved to stop sub-metering companies from charging residents of multi-family units more for resold electricity than what PUCO-regulated utilities bill consumers directly for the same usage. The decision, which affirms a new class of regulated utilities in Ohio, follows three and a half years of debate in the General Assembly and a series of proposed legislation, including the latest companion bills, HB249 (Duffey) and SB157 (Bacon).



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: 6/28/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
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: 7/6/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto; Remaining Veto Items Left Pending
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>



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- HB69** LEVY REVENUE REIMBURSEMENT (CUPP B) To require reimbursement of certain township fire and emergency medical service levy revenue forgone because of the creation of a municipal tax increment financing district.
Current Status: 6/28/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
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: 6/28/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-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: 6/28/2017 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 33-0
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: 6/14/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
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>



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- 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: 6/28/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-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>
- 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>
- HB 219** 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: 6/21/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-219>



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- HB221** PRIVATE PROPERTY SEWER AND WATER (HOLMES G) To expressly include, as eligible projects under the State Capital Improvements Program administered by the Ohio Public Works Commission, water and sewer laterals located on private property.
Current Status: 5/23/2017 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-221>
- 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: 6/20/2017 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-247>
- HB250** ELECTRIC BIKE REQUIREMENTS (BRINKMAN T) To establish requirements for the use of electric bicycles.
Current Status: 6/21/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-250>
- HB253** OFF DUTY FIREARM CARRY (HOUSEHOLDER L, LANESE L) To permit law enforcement officers to carry firearms off duty in places otherwise prohibited for concealed handgun licensees.
Current Status: 6/6/2017 - Referred to Committee House Federalism and Interstate Relations
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-253>
- HB256** COMMERCIAL SERVICE AIR HUBS (BUTLER, JR. J, ZELTWANGER P) To create the Major Air Hub Council, to require the Council to construct two commercial service airports, one in Fayette County and one in Portage County, and to create the Southern Ohio Airport Authority and the Northern Ohio Airport Authority to operate the airports.
Current Status: 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-256>
- HB262** INDEPENDENT BUDGET PROCESS (BUTLER, JR. J, ROMANCHUK M) To provide for the preparation of a state biennial budget independent of that submitted by the Governor and to authorize the Legislative Service Commission, upon the request of the Speaker of the House of Representatives or the President of the Senate, to arrange for an independent actuarial review of a proposed bill, specified analyses of economic policy initiatives and state benchmarking data, and a study of the state's long-range financial outlook.
Current Status: 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-262>



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- HB263** OUTDOOR DINING-DOGS (LANESE L) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harborer of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.
Current Status: 6/20/2017 - Referred to Committee House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-263>
- 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: 6/20/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-281>
- HB292** STATE OF RESIDENCE TEST (SCHERER G) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes.
Current Status: 6/20/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-292>
- HR85** FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL OVERHAUL (YOUNG R) To respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to amend the Federal Clean Air Act to eliminate the requirement to implement the E-Check Program and direct the Administrator of USEPA to begin new rulemaking procedures under the Administrative Procedures Act to repeal and replace the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards; to respectfully urge Congress and President Donald Trump to pass legislation to achieve improvements in air quality more efficiently while allowing companies to innovate and help the economy grow; to urge the Administrator of USEPA to alleviate burdensome requirements of the E-Check Program and the Clean Air Act if Congress and the President fail to act; and to encourage OEPA to explore alternatives to ECheck in Ohio.
Current Status: 5/24/2017 - ADOPTED BY HOUSE; Vote 72-25
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HR-85>
- SB2** ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS LAWS (HITE C) To revise specified laws relating to environmental protection.
Current Status: 6/27/2017 - Sent to Governor for Signature
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: 5/9/2017 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
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: 6/27/2017 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-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: 6/21/2017 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
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: 6/27/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-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>



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- 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: 6/7/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
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: 6/14/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-123>
- 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: 6/28/2017 - Senate Public Utilities, (Fifth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-155>
- 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>
- SR175** SUPPORTING HYPERLOOP TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (BACON K, KUNZE S) To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative.
Current Status: 6/15/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SR-175>

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