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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p>Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects</p>	<p>Applications will soon be submitted for two federal transportation grants – INFRA and TIGER – in the Rickenbacker area.</p> <p>TIGER (due Oct. 16) - This \$40+ million proposal will expand the capacity of Alum Creek Drive, a component of USDOT’s National Primary Freight Highway System (PHFS) and a state-designated and federally-accepted National Highway System (NHS) Intermodal Connector Route within the Rickenbacker area. This will also include critical transit and pedestrian safety enhancements for area employees.</p> <p>INFRA (due Nov. 2) - This \$100 million investment is comprised of six infrastructure projects that will provide necessary connectivity for the Rickenbacker Inland Port. It includes two interchanges, a new roadway and three widenings.</p> <p>If you or your community would like to submit a letter or support for either or both projects, please e-mail copies of the signed letters to bschneck@morpc.org as soon as possible. Template language as well as one-pager information sheets are also available.</p>
<p>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region</p>	<p>As the Ohio General Assembly continues to deliberate over HB114, leadership of the Regional Policy Roundtable and the Sustainability Advisory Committee have continued discussions and felt it important to review MORPC’s prior stances on similar legislation.</p> <p>In its current form, HB114 is not consistent with MORPC’s Public Policy Agenda. Therefore, MORPC will oppose the bill. Staff will continue to monitor the bill and MORPC will not change its opposition unless some significant changes occur. Be assured, if opportunities arise that allow MORPC to offer meaningful input to improve our state’s energy and efficiency policies, we will advance ideas consistent with our Public Policy Agenda.</p>
<p>Highlight the Valuable Roles Duties, and Rights of Local Governments</p>	<p>MORPC is currently reviewing state legislative proposals that will limit the authority of local governments.</p>



TOP NEWS

Addiction/Substance Abuse

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine is co-leading a 39-state effort that urges Congress to pass legislation making drug abuse treatment more available to Americans. Headed by DeWine and Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro and joined by the National Association of Attorneys General, the bipartisan coalition of state attorneys sent a letter to U.S. House majority and minority leaders in support of HR2938, the “Road to Recovery Act.”

Agriculture

An Ohio State University (OSU) researcher is part of a new \$750,000 project to determine whether conservation incentives provided by the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) are meeting one of their goals — to persuade more farmers to adopt measures that benefit water quality. Robyn Wilson, professor of risk analysis and decision science at OSU’s School of Environment and Natural Resources in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES), will co-lead the project’s social component along with Stephen Gasteyer of Michigan State University.

Attorney General

The Ohio Attorney General’s Office has announced a string of indictments related to a “large-scale” drug trafficking ring with ties to Morgan, Washington, Muskingum and Franklin counties. Investigators with the Washington Morgan Noble Major Crimes Task Force — part of the attorney general’s Ohio Organized Crime Investigations Commission — began investigating the drug trafficking organization more than a year ago, uncovering alleged trafficking of cocaine, heroin and prescription pills.

Ballot Issues

The Humane Society of the United States this week filed a ballot initiative petition with the Ohio Attorney General’s Office for a constitutional amendment to tighten restrictions on potentially abusive, large-scale dog breeding operations, often referred to as “puppy mills.” If certified, the Stop Puppy Mills Ohio petition committee will begin gathering signatures to place the constitutional amendment on the November 2018 ballot.

Ohio’s puppy mill amendment recently cleared its first hurdle, with the new petition earning certification from the Ohio Attorney General’s (AG) Office. The AG said the petition contains the required 1,000 valid signatures and a “fair and truthful” summary of the proposed ballot initiative. The Ohio Puppy Mill Prevention Amendment would require minimum standards for veterinary care, adequate food and water, appropriate housing and access to exercise and socialization, among other criteria.

Economic Development

The Ohio Development Services Agency’s (DSA) Export Assistance Office is now accepting applications for the International Marketing Access Grant for Exporters (IMAGE) program. Ohio has been awarded \$700,000 by the U.S. Small Business Administration’s (SBA) State Trade Expansion Program (STEP) to offset the high costs associated with international marketing initiatives.



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Elections

The Ohio 10th District Court of Appeals ruled a 2013 law that placed new limits on political parties is constitutional, striking another blow to efforts of the Libertarian Party of Ohio (LPO) to re-obtain minor party status.

Elections 2018

Don Elijah Eckhart announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in 2018, according to the Columbus Dispatch, making him the fourth Republican in the race for the seat currently held by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH). Ohio Treasurer Josh Mandel, Cleveland banker Mike Gibbons, and Marysville business owner and political activist Melissa Ackison have also announced campaigns.

Rob Richardson, a former University of Cincinnati (UC) Board of Trustees chairman, launched his campaign for Ohio Treasurer, making him the first Democrat in the race. Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo and Rep. Robert Sprague (R-Findlay) have announced campaigns for the Republican nomination for treasurer.

Employment/Unemployment

Ohio's unemployment rate was 5.4 percent in August 2017, up from 5.2 percent in July 2017, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) said. Ohio's nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 5,200 over the month, from a revised 5,540,000 in July to 5,545,200 in August, according to the latest business establishment survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics) in cooperation with ODJFS.

Energy

Senate members heard a bipartisan push to reestablish shorter wind turbine setbacks and restart wind energy development in Ohio. In separate legislation, Sens. Cliff Hite (R-Findlay) and Mike Skindell (D-Lakewood) told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee that the state has missed out on an estimated \$4.2 billion in economic development due to setbacks implemented in 2014.

The Buckeye State comes in at number 31 on a new energy efficiency scorecard from the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE). Ohio, tied at the 31st spot with North Carolina and Arkansas, fell two spots from last year's ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard. The state continues its slide since 2015, when it fell to 27.

Environment

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Director Craig Butler said while Rover Pipeline LLC is successfully working toward compliance with July's "unprecedented" unilateral order, the company is still in violation of at least one component. That violation has resulted in a referral to Attorney General Mike DeWine to bring Rover into compliance and to compel it pay a civil penalty, Butler said.

A coalition including the Ohio Environmental Council (OEC), Center for Biological Diversity and other environmental groups sounded the alarm as the federal Bureau of Land Management (BLM) auctioned another 141 acres in Wayne National Forest for oil and gas development, its third lease since approving horizontal drilling in Ohio's only national forest last December. The auction brings to nearly 2,000 acres land leased for "fracking" out of a total of 18,000 acres of forest earmarked for development.



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General Assembly/Statehouse

Legislation proposed in the Senate would eliminate the duty of an individual to retreat before using force in self-defense in nearly all circumstances. “More than 30 states in the country recognize the right to self-defense in their criminal statutes,” Sen. Joe Uecker (R-Loveland) told the Senate Judiciary Committee during sponsor testimony on SB180 (Uecker-Hottinger). The bill would allow an individual to use force in self-defense anywhere as long as they are legally allowed to be there. Currently, Ohio’s “stand-your-ground” law only applies to situations occurring in the person’s residence, vehicle or the vehicle of a family member.

House members got their first look at HB320 (Hagan-Roegner), aimed at a more forward-looking approach to state budgeting through a Long-Range Financial Outlook Council. The Republican sponsors said the permanent council would draw research from the Legislative Service Commission, which would also appoint its chairman, and as such would remain “impartial and fact-based.”

The Senate unanimously concurred with House amendments to SB37 (Hite), which requires the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly-appointed chiefs of police. The upper chamber also unanimously adopted SR175 (Bacon-Kunze) which supports the proposed Hyperloop route connecting Chicago, Columbus and Pittsburgh.

The House overwhelmingly passed HB116 (Merrin) that will exempt prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, and other optical aids from the state’s sales and use tax, though some Democrats said the Legislature should do more to make local governments whole. Gov. John Kasich vetoed similar language in HB49 (R. Smith), the biennial budget, arguing that the language was not compliant with the Streamline Sales and Use Tax Agreement. After session, House Speaker Pro Tempore Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said HB116’s implementation is delayed in the bill, making it slightly different and giving the state a chance to prepare for it.

After session, Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said lawmakers will likely be including more funding for counties dealing with the lost revenue from the Medicaid managed care organizations (MCO) in an upcoming budget fix, providing an additional \$50 million for counties over the next biennium, with another \$30 million if revenues come in above estimates.

Judicial

A county common pleas court can consider local zoning and nuisance claims brought by a township against property owners attempting to fill a rock quarry, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled. Other complaints involving the owners’ state land application management plan (LAMP) must instead go before the Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC), according to the unanimous decision by the Court in Rocky Ridge Development, L.L.C. v. Winters.

Lobbyists

A national conservative organization known for its “Taxpayer Protection Pledge” will open its first state affiliate in Ohio, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) President Grover Norquist announced. Jack Boyle will serve as executive director of Ohioans for Tax Reform (OTR).



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Marijuana

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) released an online resource page dedicated to medical marijuana. The resource page includes descriptions of medical marijuana legalization legislation 131-HB523 (Huffman), state regulations on marijuana and state vs. federal legal considerations. The page also includes resources on the health and policy implications of changes in marijuana use. The page can be accessed at [here](#).

People

A newly reconstituted Ohio Consumers' Counsel Governing Board elected longtime member Michael Watkins as its new chair following the departure of former Chairman Gene Krebs. Watkins, who represents organized labor, has served on the board since 2010 and as vice chair since 2015. His current term expires in 2020.

Redistricting/Reapportionment

The four leaders of the House and Senate met in private this week to begin laying out a plan to pass congressional redistricting reform, but the leaders are still working out the details. Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights), House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) and House Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) met to talk about a process to work on a compromise for how the state draws its congressional districts.

State Government

The Ohio Department of Commerce announced that the state's minimum wage will increase to \$8.30 per hour for non-tipped employees, effective Jan. 1, 2018 — up from the current level of \$8.15/hour. The minimum wage for tipped employees goes to \$4.15 per hour — up from the current \$4.08 level. The state's minimum wage will apply to employees of businesses with annual gross receipts of more than \$305,000 per year, also an increase from the current threshold of \$299,000 per year.

Taxation

Ohio municipalities that exclude "pensions" from city income tax cannot require taxation of supplemental executive retirement plans (SERP), even though the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) treats SERPs as "nonqualified" deferred compensation not entitled to the tax benefits of 401ks or other qualified plans, the Ohio Supreme Court states in a new ruling.

Transportation

The House Transportation and Public Safety Committee began looking at what lawmakers should be doing as automated driving technology moves forward, with a panel telling the committee that the technology is already here and is moving incrementally toward the so-called "self-driving car." This was the first in a series of informational hearings on the topic of autonomous and connected vehicles. Chairman Doug Green (R-Mt. Orab) said that the committee will be holding monthly hearings on the topic over the next seven months and will focus on a different facet at each hearing. He said the hearings are solely fact finding in nature.

Gov. John Kasich announced the official launch of the state's smart mobility center Tuesday following the roll-out of a regional initiative along U.S. 33 last fall. The governor told thousands of professionals at the Ohio Transportation Engineering Conference (OTEC) in Columbus that the new division inside the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will be named DriveOhio, whose task is to coordinate smart corridor deployment statewide.



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: 9/20/2017 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
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: 10/11/2017 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Second 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: 8/22/2017 - Consideration of Governor's Veto
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: 10/11/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Fifth 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: 9/26/2017 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (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: 7/17/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 90 days
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: 9/27/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Government Oversight and Reform
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: 9/26/2017 - BILL AMENDED, Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Third 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: 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: 9/19/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (Second 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: 9/20/2017 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-219>
- 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>



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- 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>
- HB251** BOND AND OBLIGATION MATURATION (GREENSPAN D) To increase from five to ten years the maturity period of other political subdivision's bonds and obligations eligible for investment of a subdivision's interim moneys.
Current Status: 10/10/2017 - House Financial Institutions, Housing and Urban Development, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-251>
- 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: 9/19/2017 - House Federalism and Interstate Relations, (Second Hearing)
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: 9/20/2017 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
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>
- HB263** OUTDOOR DINING-DOGS (LANESE L) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.
Current Status: 10/10/2017 - House Economic Development, Commerce and Labor, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-263>



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- 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: 9/20/2017 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
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: 10/10/2017 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-292>
- HB310** ELECTED OFFICIAL CONCEALED CARRY (VITALE N) To permit an elected officeholder of this state or a political subdivision of this state who holds a valid concealed handgun license to carry a concealed handgun in a government facility of this state or a political subdivision of this state.
Current Status: 9/12/2017 - Referred to Committee House Federalism and Interstate Relations
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-310>
- HB312** LOCAL GOVERNMENT CREDIT CARDS (SCHURING K, GREENSPAN D) Regarding use of credit cards and debit cards by political subdivisions.
Current Status: 10/11/2017 - House Government Accountability and Oversight, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-312>
- HB323** GARBAGE COLLECTION FEES (PATTERSON J) To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.
Current Status: 9/20/2017 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-323>
- HB343** PROPERTY VALUE CONTEST-RESOLUTIONS (MERRIN D) To require local governments that contest property values to formally pass an authorizing resolution for each contest and to notify property owners.
Current Status: 9/19/2017 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-343>
- HB361** PROPERTY TAX COMPLAINTS TIMEFRAME (GREENSPAN D) To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints.
Current Status: 9/26/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-361>
- HB371** TAXES ON UNSOLD PROPERTY (MERRIN D) To exempt from property taxation the increased value of land subdivided for residential development until construction commences or the land is sold.
Current Status: 10/10/2017 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-371>



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- HB373** CONCEALED HANDGUN IN COURTROOMS (VITALE N) To permit any person who holds a valid concealed handgun license to carry a concealed handgun in a courthouse, a courtroom, or a government facility of this state or in a government facility of a political subdivision of this state if the political subdivision has not enacted an ordinance or policy that prohibits a licensee from carrying a concealed handgun into the building or the court has not enacted a rule that prohibits a licensee from carrying a deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance into the courthouse or courtroom.
Current Status: 10/10/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-373>
- HB378** OHIO BROADBAND DEVELOPMENT (SMITH R, CERA J) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 10/10/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-HB-378>
- 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 USEP A 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: 7/7/2017 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
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>
- 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>



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- 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: 9/27/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Fourth 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>



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- 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>
- SB112** GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (SCHIAVONI J) To establish the green infrastructure fund and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 9/6/2017 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-112>



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- SB113** VEHICLE REGISTRATION TAX (COLEY W) To levy an additional registration tax on passenger cars, noncommercial motor vehicles, and commercial cars and trucks beginning on January 1, 2020; to authorize a per-gallon motor fuel retail price reduction for consumers that is equal to the state per-gallon motor fuel tax of \$.28; and to exempt each gallon of motor fuel that is sold at the reduced retail price from the state motor fuel tax.
Current Status: 9/20/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-113>
- 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: 10/12/2017 - Senate Public Utilities, (Sixth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-155>
- SB176** MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX RESTRICTIONS (JORDAN K) To prohibit municipal corporations from levying an income tax on nonresidents' compensation for personal services or on net profits from a sole proprietorship owned by a nonresident.
Current Status: 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-176>
- SB181** UNPAID MUNICIPAL GARBAGE FEES (O'BRIEN S, YUKO K) To authorize all municipal corporations that charge a garbage collection fee to certify unpaid amounts to the county auditor, who must enter the fees on the property tax list to be collected in the same manner as real property taxes.
Current Status: 9/7/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-181>
- SB182** OUTDOOR DINING-DOGS (COLEY W) To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harbinger of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.
Current Status: 9/12/2017 - Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-182>
- SB184** WIND FARM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS (SKINDELL M) To alter the minimum setback requirement for wind farms of five or more megawatts.
Current Status: 9/27/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-184>



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- SB186** BUSINESS INCOME CLASSIFICATION (PETERSON B) To provide that wages and guaranteed payments paid by a professional employer organization to the owner of a pass-through entity that has contracted with the organization may be considered business income.
Current Status: 10/11/2017 - Senate Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-186>
- SB187** DELINQUENT MUNICIPAL INCOME TAXES (EKLUND J, WILSON S) To allow municipal corporations to charge delinquent taxpayers the costs of collecting municipal income taxes regardless of whether the costs are incurred before or after a judgment is entered against the taxpayer.
Current Status: 9/20/2017 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-187>
- SB188** WIND TURBINE SETBACK REVISIONS (HITE C) To revise wind turbine setback provisions for economically significant wind farms.
Current Status: 10/11/2017 - Senate Energy and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-188>
- SB203** MUNICIPAL TAX RULE REINSTATEMENT (DOLAN M) To reinstate the municipal income tax “throw-back rule” used in apportioning business income among municipalities.
Current Status: 9/28/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-203>
- SB209** PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS-TIF (COLEY W, EKLUND J) To modify the conditions that determine the relative priority of property tax exemptions when a parcel subject to a tax increment financing arrangement concurrently qualifies for another exemption.
Current Status: 10/3/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-209>
- SB210** AUXILIARY CONTAINER USEAGE (COLEY W, EKLUND J) To authorize a person to use an auxiliary container for any purpose, to prohibit a municipal corporation from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, and to clarify that the existing antilittering law applies to auxiliary containers.
Current Status: 10/3/2017 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SB-210>
- 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: 9/6/2017 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SJR-4>



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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>

SR175 SUPPORTING HYPERLOOP TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE (BACON K, KUNZE S) To express support for the Hyperloop Transportation Initiative.

Current Status: 9/20/2017 - ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 32-0

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA132-SR-175>

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