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What's Happening

House Bill 6 Repeal Efforts Begin

Following federal charges of racketeering and bribery in an effort orchestrated by former House Speaker Larry Householder and others to enact and block referendum efforts for House Bill 6, a nuclear energy subsidy bill, hearings are beginning on bipartisan repeal bills in each chamber.

On September 1st, the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee held its first hearing on Senate Bill 346. Joint sponsors Sen. Sean O'Brien (D-Cortland) and Sen. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) testified that HB 6 should be repealed primarily because of the methods used by the former Speaker to move the bill through the legislative process.

"Failure to repeal HB6 would allow it to stand as a monument to the corrupting power of dark money — now and into the future — to bend the Legislature to their will as long as they are willing to spend enough cash," O'Brien said.

New House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) announced that HB 746 will be heard by a newly created House Select Committee on Energy Policy and Oversight that will be chaired by Rep. Jim Hoops (R-Napoleon). On Thursday, the panel holds a hearing on HB 746 for sponsor testimony by Rep. Laura Lanese (R-Grove City) and Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake).

The 15 member committee is also comprised of Vice Chair Rep. Cindy Abrams (R-Harrison), Rep. Brian Baldrige (R-Winchester), Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville), Rep. Phil Plummer (R-Dayton), Rep. Mark Romanchuk (R-Mansfield), Rep. Dick Stein (R-Norwalk), Rep. Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill), Rep. Scott Wiggam (R-Wooster), Ranking Member Rep. David Leland (D-Columbus), Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus), Rep. Sedrick Denson (D-Cincinnati), Rep. Michael O'Brien (D-Warren), Rep. Kent Smith (D-Euclid), and Rep. Casey Weinstein (D-Hudson). The Republican members of the panel include a mixture of members who supported and opposed HB 6, while all six Democrats on the panel opposed HB 6, which received bipartisan support in its concurrence vote.

"Our plan is to work expeditiously through these complex issues," Speaker Cupp said in a news release. "It's important that we get this done and get it done right in a fair and open process." Hoops said he plans a thorough review of HB6. "I'm looking forward to a robust and thorough discussion. It's important to have sound energy policy that works for Ohio," said Hoops, one of the 51 representatives who voted in favor of sending HB6 to Gov. Mike DeWine for his signature in July 2019.

Although Governor DeWine signed HB 6 into law, which provides \$1.3 billion in subsidies from ratepayers to two Northern Ohio nuclear power plants, DeWine says he supports efforts to repeal and replace HB 6 due to the "tainted process" that was allegedly used to pass the legislation.

The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) plans to submit proponent testimony to HB 746 for the repeal of HB 6. MORPC also presented opponent testimony to HB 6 on three occasions and in both chambers while it was being debated in committee.



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FY20-21 Budget

Monthly tax collections beat expectations by \$184.6 million or 8.2 percent in July, with the delayed income tax filing deadline arriving last month and federal pandemic relief funds helping to boost sales taxes, according to the Office of Budget and Management (OBM).

Census

Households with children continue to be hit harder by the financial pressures caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, according to results from U.S. Census Bureau's experimental Household Pulse Survey conducted in early June. The survey had a total of 73,472 respondents. Nationally, 24.7 million adults in mortgaged or rented households reported a late or deferred housing payment in May. This includes one in eight adults in mortgaged households and one in six adults in rental households.

The U.S. Census Bureau has announced all counting efforts for the 2020 Census will end on Wednesday, Sept. 30, about a month earlier than previously planned. The move comes as statutory relief which would have extended the window for field collection and self-response has apparently stalled in the U.S. Senate. Advocates say they are concerned the change will lead to a less accurate count.

The U.S. Census Bureau announced that census takers have begun this week following up with households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. The bureau said the current self-response rate is 67.6 percent, including 52.2 percent of respondents who did so online. The bureau will need to visit the remaining addresses to collect responses in person. Households can still respond now by completing and mailing back the paper questionnaire they received, by responding online at www.2020census.gov, or by phone at 844-330-2020. Households can also respond online or by phone in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more. Those who respond will not need to be visited to obtain their census response.

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to change the way Americans live their daily lives, so too have the operations of the U.S. Census Bureau changed, as highlighted in a recent summary of the agency's adjustments. The U.S. Census, which is mandated by the U.S. Constitution, helps determine how billions of dollars in federal funding will flow into states for the next 10 years. It also determines how many seats in Congress each state gets. This year's census is particularly important for Ohio, which has been projected to lose a seat, with its U.S. House delegation going from 16 to 15 members.

Development Services Agency Director Lydia Mihalik reported at the most recent meeting of the Census 2020 Complete Count Commission that Ohio's response rate in this year's census is trending higher than the national average and on track to beat the state's response rate in 2010. According to Mihalik, Ohio's response rate as of Aug. 20 was 68.2 percent, while the national average response rate was close to 64 percent, with Ohio ranking 13th in the nation for its response rate, higher than any neighboring state.

Coronavirus

Local governments are on the frontlines of our nation's local public health emergency response and overall public safety efforts. Now, more than ever, local, state, and federal governments must work together to address this crisis. It is in this vein that MORPC Executive Director William Murdock submitted testimony to the Senate Finance Committee urging them to swiftly pass SB 357. This legislation would disperse the remaining \$650 million CARES relief dollars to local governments under 500,000 people, who did not receive relief dollars directly from the U.S. Treasury. As local budgets continue to suffer the economic impacts of COVID-19, the distribution of these remaining CARES dollars will play a critical role in ensuring that local governments can continue to deliver quality services to Ohioans. The bill does the following:

- » This bill does not use the LGF formula but is done per capita, which is based on 2019 population numbers
- » The bill clarifies that local governments do not need to pass an additional authorizing resolutions to receive these funds if they have already passed one
- » It extends the deadline for redistribution of funds if local governments haven't used them from October 15th to November 20th

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The Senate passed SB 357 unanimously last week and will continue to work in partnership with the House delegation to ensure this legislation is passed as quickly as possible.

President Donald Trump authorized continued federal support of National Guard operations due to the pandemic, though the Ohio Adjutant General's office said that the continued specific types of support will reflect Gov. DeWine's assessment on what is needed. The federal government had been paying 100 percent of the costs for guard operations. . Instead, the federal government will pay 75 percent and each state will pick up the remaining 25 percent.

The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19 announced efforts to increase the capability to produce cotton face masks in the state to help slow the spread of the virus, with assistance from JobsOhio and the Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA). Buckeye Mask Company of Cleveland and Stitches USA of Walnut Creek initially teamed up to make more than one million masks per month to meet demand for the products. With help from the alliance and JobsOhio, new equipment is projected to increase production from 150,000 masks per week to 100,000 masks per day. "This is the first example of reshoring an Ohio product, at a cost-competitive price, that otherwise would be made overseas," the alliance said in a statement.

Auditor of State Keith Faber announced the launch of the online portal for Ohioans to submit their experiences with "inconsistent or erroneous COVID-19 test results," according to a release from Faber's office. He had announced Ohio's participation in the project last month.

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio (HPIO) recently released a data brief on the state's COVID-19 statistics, just ahead of when Ohio crossed the 100,000-case threshold. All 88 counties have seen cases, the report said, and while around half the cases have been among those ages 30 to 59, nearly 60 percent of hospital admissions and 90 percent of deaths were among those 60 years or older.

Ohio's Minority Health Strike Force announced the launch of the "More Than A Mask" campaign meant to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within Ohio's communities of color by providing messaging and resources. Throughout the pandemic, communities of color have been disproportionately affected by the virus, especially Black and Latino communities. While Black individuals represent only 14 percent of Ohio's population, they represent 24 percent of positive COVID-19 cases, 32 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations, and 19 percent of COVID-19 deaths in the state. Similarly, at least 6 percent of those who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Ohio are Latino, despite only representing 3.9 percent of Ohio's population, according to data from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).

Elections

Secretary of State Frank LaRose said he's sending 162 allegations of campaign finance violations to the Ohio Elections Commission after further review of records related to former House Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and his co-defendants in the HB6 bribery scandal. LaRose had referred 19 allegations related to the HB6 scandal to the commission in July, saying at the time that more referrals were likely coming.

The group that was pushing for a referendum on nuclear subsidy bill HB6 (Callender-Wilkin) was fined more than \$5,000 for not filing proper disclosures with the secretary of state. The Ohio Elections Commission heard the complaint against Ohioans Against Corporate Bailouts, agreeing to fine the group \$25 per day until the group files its proper paperwork with the secretary of state's office. Elections Commission Executive Director Phillip Richter said that as of Thursday morning, that paperwork had not been filed.

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Employment/Unemployment

For the week ending Aug. 22, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 18,988 initial unemployment claims to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). This is the first time the state has reported fewer than 20,000 weekly jobless claims since Ohio's COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were put in place.

Energy

Opponents of nuclear plant bailout HB6 (Callender-Wilkin) announced Friday they have formed a new coalition — the Coalition to Restore Public Trust — and launched a website in an effort to repeal HB6. The bill has become mired in controversy after its passage was tied to a federal indictment on bribery charges against five individuals, including former House Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford).

Pressure is mounting at both ends of the HB6 (Callender-Wilkin) debacle as federal authorities pursue subpoenas against FirstEnergy Corp. and a coalition of fossil fuel and renewable energy interests launch an ad campaign approaching \$1 million in potentially vulnerable legislative districts. The investigation is battering stocks prices for FirstEnergy and Energy Harbor Corp., successor to FirstEnergy Solutions (FES) and chief beneficiary of \$1.5 billion in projected HB6 subsidies. The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Ohio said that the investigation continues into \$60 million in corporate payments to former House Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford), four named associates, and possibly others.

Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) addressed the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) Governing Board, telling them that, "One of my first goals is to restore integrity to leadership in the House." He went on to call for majority and minority caucus leaders "who want to work above-board and work through policy differences."

General Assembly/Statehouse

Newly elected Speaker of the House Bob Cupp (R-Lima) made the first changes of his administration when he replaced a number of members on the House Rules and Reference Committee. No longer on the committee are Reps. Larry Householder (R-Glenford), Jim Butler (R-Dayton), Anthony DeVitis (R-Uniontown), Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) and Jay Edwards (R-Nelsonville). Newly appointed members include Cupp as chair and Reps. Niraj Antani (R-Miamisburg) as vice chair, Gary Scherer (R-Circleville), Phil Plummer (R-Dayton) and Tim Ginter (R-Salem).

Further developments in the criminal case against former Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford) and four associates in alleged racketeering are likely, panelists said in a Columbus Metropolitan Club forum, and while it may affect some already close House races it is unlikely to give Democrats control of the chamber. *Dayton Daily News* reporter Laura Bischoff, Democratic strategist Derrick Clay and Republican strategist Mark Weaver took part in the discussion, which was hosted by WOSU Public Media's Chief Content Officer Mike Thompson. Bischoff — who first broke the news of Householder's arrest — said she was not surprised by the allegations, though it was "staggering" that federal officials allege almost \$61 million went from "Company A" to Householder-controlled entities including 501(c)(4) nonprofit Generation Now.

House Chief of Staff Jonathon McGee and Policy Director Matthew McAuliffe, who were hired by former House Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford), resigned. Recently elected Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) named House Budget Director Christine Morrison as interim chief of staff and Paul Disantis as interim chief legal counsel and policy director.

Sen. Tina Maharath (D-Canal Winchester) has tested positive for COVID-19, the lawmaker announced on Twitter. "My family and I have tested positive for COVID-19. Sharing this info now because two of them have been hospitalized and by the grace of God, a Caucasian man can interpret for us," Maharath tweeted. Maharath confirmed that her sister-in-law (SIL) passed away after contracting the virus.

Rep. John Becker (R-Cincinnati) said that he has drafted 10 articles of impeachment against Gov. Mike DeWine claiming the governor has abused his power in the handling of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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However, House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) called Becker’s resolution “an imprudent attempt to escalate important policy disagreements with the governor into a state constitutional crisis. Even serious policy disagreements do not rise to the level of impeachment under our constitution.” The resolution has Reps. Paul Zeltwanger (R-Mason) and Nino Vitale (R-Urbana) as co-sponsors. The effort also includes the creation of a website — ImpeachDeWine.com — to urge Ohioans to contact their state representatives and ask them to sign onto the resolution.

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina) said he expects the Senate will meet at least once later in September and in October. Among the issues lawmakers will tackle is a repeal of nuclear subsidies bill HB6 (Callender-Wilkin). Obhof said he favors a complete repeal of the subsidies in the bill, though he noted there were other policy issues in the bill as well, so it likely won’t be a full repeal of HB6.

State Government

Most executive branch employees now working from home will keep doing so through year’s end, Gov. Mike DeWine said in a memo to the state workforce. The “vast majority” of state employees who are tele-working now will keep doing so at least until Monday, Jan. 4, 2021, his message stated, citing an “uncertain and precarious” future amid the spread of COVID-19 in various regions of the state.

Taxation

The COVID-19 pandemic could cost small municipalities that rely on retail sales taxes from apparel, vehicle sales, restaurants and tourism as much as 50 percent of their tax revenue, a new study released by Ohio State University said. The study, published this week in the journal *Local Development and Society*, also found that municipalities that rely on grocery stores for sales tax income could see a small increase in funding. Retail sales in every part of the state, no matter the geographical location or size, would be affected by the pandemic. In some areas, a village that could lose as much as 50 percent of its revenue is located adjacent to a village that could gain as much as 25 percent.

Telecommunications

Lt. Gov. Jon Husted was recently appointed to the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) Intergovernmental Advisory Committee (IAC), according to his office, and will serve as a state executive representative. The IAC provides support to the FCC on telecommunications issues affecting local, state and tribal governments under its jurisdiction. Specific areas of IAC work include increased deployment and adoption of broadband services, strengthened public safety communications infrastructure and emergency response capabilities, and any other task necessary to help government officials clarify or explain commission rules and policies to their constituents and other members of the public.

Transportation/Infrastructure

A new service offered by the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) will allow Ohioans to print their temporary tag online by going to www.OPLATES.com without going into a deputy registrar’s office. According to the Ohio BMV, individuals who purchase vehicles through private sales, new residents who are in the process of obtaining an Ohio title, and/or customers that have purchased a vehicle from a dealership that does not sell temporary tags can take advantage of this new service.

Unemployment Compensation

For the week ending Aug. 1, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 25,952 initial unemployment claims to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). This is the second straight week that the number of weekly jobless claims totaled fewer than 30,000. Ohioans filed 404,434 continued jobless claims last week, which was 371,868 fewer than the peak earlier this year, ODJFS said. The total number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last 20 weeks (1,583,739) is more than the combined total of those filed during the last four years.

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Utilities

The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) is urging the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to reimpose an across-the-board ban on door-to-door energy marketing as the state reaches "the most critical point in our battle against the coronavirus," according to Gov. Mike DeWine. OCC has joined the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), Ohio Poverty Law Center (OPLC), Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), Pro Seniors Inc. and Southeastern Ohio Legal Services (SOLS) in calling for the reverse of PUCO's June 17 order to resume in-person cold-calling by competitive retail electric service (CRES) and competitive retail natural gas service (CRNGS) suppliers.

The electric distribution (EDU) utility serving over half of all Ohio households should not be allowed to resume account disconnections suspended during COVID-19 without the same regulatory scrutiny faced by other regional utilities not linked to the Statehouse corruption scandal, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC), Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) and Ohio Poverty Law Center (OPLC) say in a new filing with the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). OCC, COHHIO and OPLC say PUCO's failure to issue a direct order that utilities provide emergency and transition plans in response to its March 12 ruling has allowed FirstEnergy to slip through the cracks.

In a pair of reports detailing the company's environmental, social and governance (ESG) initiatives released earlier this year, Duke Energy said while it plans to add "large amounts" of renewable energy to its portfolio to reduce carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions, continued use of natural gas and nuclear energy is necessary to allow for system reliability as more coal plants are retired.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) held a virtual stakeholder discussion on electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, with PUCO Chairman Sam Randazzo noting near the start that PUCO had found there are no laws on public utilities that interfere with public or private sector decisions on charging stations. Randazzo also said charging stations do not represent a "one-size-fits-all" situation, as they are often dependent on the specific local government. He also commented that it represents an opportunity for private sector innovation, and that they may see solutions for "range anxiety" — fear of running out of power during a trip — and the ability to change batteries rapidly.

Promising faster Internet to large areas of rural and Appalachian Ohio, Verizon's broadband successor in the Buckeye State is getting a thumbs-up from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) one day after the scheduled approval of its reorganization plan in U.S. Bankruptcy Court. Embattled Frontier North Inc., which serves all or parts of 77 counties as a reputed expert in rural telephone and data lines, has agreed to dedicate \$75 million over the next three years to telecom infrastructure and to correct what PUCO staff has described as an "egregious" record of extended outages and poor service quality.

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved the HB6 (Callender-Wilkin) Clean Air Fund (CAF) charge for all residential, industrial and commercial electric customers starting Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, yielding \$150 million in annual subsidies to Ohio's two nuclear plants and \$20 million to a select group of solar projects. The fund's monthly residential and non-residential rate is generally capped at 85 cents and \$2,400, respectively, and scheduled to provide more than \$1 billion ratepayer supports through 2027.

Despite the growing need for water infrastructure improvements across the country over the last four decades, the federal government's share of investment in drinking water and wastewater capital needs fell from 31 percent in 1977 to 4 percent in 2017, according to a new report from the Value of Water Campaign (VWC) and the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Legislative Updates

Goal 1: Promote regionalism at the local, state, and federal levels of government fostering economic growth, prosperity, efficient use of resources, and a high quality of life for Central Ohio residents.

HB54 LGF TAX REVENUE INCREASE (CERA J, ROGERS J) To increase the proportion of state tax revenue allocated to the Local Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.53% beginning July 1, 2019.
Current Status: 2/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-54>

HB72 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FUND (ROGERS J, CERA J) To create the Supplemental State Capital Improvements Pilot Program funded by a temporary transfer from the Budget Stabilization Fund and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/20/2019 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-72>

HB84 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS-SEWER LATERALS (HOLMES G) To expressly include, as eligible projects under the State Capital Improvements Program, water and sewer laterals located on private property.
Current Status: 3/27/2019 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-84>

HB92 VOTE ON COUNTY SALES TAX (ANTANI N, SMITH J) To require voter approval of any increase in the rate of a county sales tax.
Current Status: 3/13/2019 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-92>

HB124 RESIDENTIAL SMALL LIVESTOCK (BRINKMAN T) To allow an owner of residential property to keep small livestock on the property and to prohibit zoning authorities from regulating certain noncommercial agricultural activities on residential property.
Current Status: 3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Rural Development
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-124>

HB133 MILITARY-TEMPORARY LICENSURE (PERALES R, WEINSTEIN C) To require state occupational licensing agencies, under certain circumstances, to issue temporary licenses or certificates to members of the military and spouses who are licensed in another jurisdiction and have moved to Ohio for military duty.
Current Status: 10/2/2019 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-133>

HB149 PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT-RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION (MERRIN D) To enact the "Affordable Homebuilding and Housing Act" to temporarily exempt from property tax the increased value of land subdivided for residential development.
Current Status: 4/10/2019 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-149>

HB152 TAX LEVY-SUBDIVISION CREATOR (BRINKMAN T) To require certain subdivisions to obtain the approval of the body that created the subdivision before levying a tax.
Current Status: 4/10/2019 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-152>

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- HB163** WATER AND SEWER PRACTICES (BRINKMAN T) To create a process for withholding local government funds and state water and sewer assistance from municipal corporations that engage in certain water and sewer practices with respect to extraterritorial service.
Current Status: 7/21/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-163>
- HB218** PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS (PATTON T) To authorize certain public entities to enter into public-private initiatives with a private party through a public-private agreement regarding public facilities.
Current Status: 6/9/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-218>
- HB252** LAND REUTILIZATION (GREENSPAN D) To create the Land Reutilization Demolition Program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 6/30/2019 - Re-Referred to Committee
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-252>
- HB287** MEDICAID WAIVER-MILITARY (RUSSO A, PERALES R) Regarding Medicaid home and community-based waiver services for relatives of active duty military.
Current Status: 6/16/2020 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-287>
- HB311** COUNTY INSPECTOR GENERAL (GREENSPAN D) To authorize counties to request and obtain a county inspector general to investigate wrongful acts or omissions in county and other political subdivision government.
Current Status: 2/26/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-311>
- HB382** PROHIBIT INCOME TAX-MUNICIPAL NONRESIDENTS (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: 11/6/2019 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-382>
- HB440** SALES TAX EXEMPTIONS-MANUFACTURING (MIRANDA J, CARRUTHERS S) To authorize sales tax exemptions for property and services used to clean or maintain manufacturing machinery and for employment services used to operate manufacturing machinery.
Current Status: 1/28/2020 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-440>
- HB444** CHANGES TO TOWNSHIP LAW (BALDRIDGE B, ABRAMS C) To make various changes to township law.
Current Status: 6/9/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-444>

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- HB487** TAX-FORFEITED LAND (GREEN D, WEST T) To increase, from one to six years, the interval within which county auditors must offer tax-forfeited land for sale and to give county auditors more discretion as to how and where such sales are conducted.
Current Status: 2/26/2020 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-487>
- HB505** AUTHORITY ELIMINATION - RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES (BECKER J, CROSSMAN J) To eliminate the specific authority of residential facilities to operate within residential zoning districts.
Current Status: 2/19/2020 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-505>
- HB564** PREVENT UTILITY DISRUPTION DURING COVID-19 (LELAND D) To prevent the disruption of utility service during the state of emergency declared regarding COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-564>
- HB565** EXTEND INCOME TAX FILING DEADLINE (ROGERS J, CROSSMAN J) To extend the filing and payment dates for state, municipal, and school district income taxes by the same period as any federal income tax extension granted in response to the COVID-19 disease outbreak and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-565>
- HB566** INCREASE LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND DISTRIBUTION (ROGERS J, CROSSMAN J) To increase the percentage of revenue to the General Revenue Fund distributed to the Local Government Fund and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-566>
- HB572** STATE OFFICES - FEE, PENALTY WAIVERS (SOBECKI L) To allow the Ohio Public Works Commission, the Ohio Water Development Authority, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, county auditors, and county recorders, during the state of emergency due to COVID-19, to waive certain penalties and late fees, suspend certain reporting requirements, and waive electronic recording fees, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-572>
- HB582** MAKE APPROPRIATIONS, REAPPROPRIATIONS (CALLENDER J) To make appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2021, and capital reappropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2022.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-582>
- HB591** SUSPEND EMPLOYER MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX (ROGERS J) To suspend some employer municipal income tax withholding requirements during the COVID-19 state of emergency and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-591>

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- HB594** DEFERRED RETIREMENT - EMERGENCY WORKERS (CROSSMAN J, BALDRIDGE B) Regarding re-employment of a retirant as a police officer, firefighter, or emergency medical worker during a state of emergency, to allow a deferred retirement option plan participant to work past the participant's employment end date during a state of emergency, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/5/2020 - Referred to Committee House Financial Institutions
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-594>
- HB631** REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCES (ROGERS J, HAMBLEY S) To authorize municipal corporations to establish regional economic development alliances for the sharing of services or resources among alliance members.
Current Status: 6/11/2020 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-631>
- HB670** REAPPROPRIATE CAPITAL FUNDS (MERRIN D) To make capital reappropriations for certain agencies for the biennium ending June 30, 2022, and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 6/3/2020 - House Finance, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-670>
- HB704** COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AREAS LAWS (CROSS J, FRAIZER M) To modify the law governing Community Redevelopment Areas and the terms under which property may be exempted in such areas.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Economic and Workforce Development
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-704>
- HB705** PUBLIC NUISANCES, BLIGHT FORECLOSURE ACTIONS (MILLER A) To amend the law regarding public nuisances and blight foreclosure actions and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-705>
- HB710** PROHIBIT BIASED POLICING (UPCHURCH T, DENSON S) To prohibit police officers from engaging in biased policing and other status-based profiling and to require the attorney general's office to establish rules regarding such police practices.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-710>
- HB714** PROHIBIT USE OF DRONES FOR TRESPASSING (CROSSMAN J, HOLMES A) To prohibit using an unmanned aerial vehicle to commit trespass, voyeurism, and stalking.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-714>
- HB716** LAW ENFORCEMENT STRANGULATION OFFENSE (LEPORE-HAGAN M, GALONSKI T) To create the offense of strangulation by a law enforcement officer.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-716>
- HB717** TRAINING SCHOOLS - PROSPECTIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT (MILLER J, UPCHURCH T) To allow the chief of police of a municipal corporation to conduct training schools for prospective law enforcement officers.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-717>

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- HB720** FIRE, POLICE CHIEFS' RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (INGRAM C, HICKS-HUDSON P) To allow a municipal corporation to require its fire chief or chief of police to reside within the municipal corporation during the chief's first five years.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-720>
- HB722** GARBAGE, DEBRIS - PUBLIC NUISANCE (MILLER A) To add the accumulation of garbage and debris to the conditions that may constitute a public nuisance.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-722>
- HB731** OVERTIME LAWS - SALARY THRESHOLDS (SMITH K, KELLY B) To raise the salary threshold above which certain employees are exempt from the overtime law.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Commerce and Labor
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-731>
- HB734** DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS (ROGERS J, HICKS-HUDSON P) To modify some delinquent property tax foreclosure proceedings and to prohibit certain tax-delinquent persons and associates from purchasing any tax-foreclosed property or delinquent tax certificates.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-734>
- HB741** DADD OFFENSES-PUBLIC RETIREMENT BENEFITS (MANNING G, GREENSPAN D) To add extortion and perjury and certain federal offenses to the offenses that may result in forfeiture or termination of public retirement system benefits.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-741>
- SB8** TAX CREDITS-OHIO OPPORTUNITY ZONE (SCHURING K) To authorize tax credits for investments in an Ohio Opportunity Zone.
Current Status: 5/8/2019 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-8>
- SB39** MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS-TAX CREDIT (SCHURING K) To authorize an insurance premiums tax credit for capital contributions to transformational mixed use development projects.
Current Status: 2/12/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House Economic and Workforce Development, (Seventh Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-39>
- SB114** NOISE REGULATION-TOWNSHIPS (HOTTINGER J) To expand the authority of a township to regulate noise within the unincorporated area of the township.
Current Status: 5/21/2019 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-114>
- SB206** MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS-TAX CREDIT (SCHAFFER T) To require municipal corporations with more than \$100 million in annual income tax collections to provide a tax credit to nonresident taxpayers.
Current Status: 11/19/2019 - Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-206>

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- SB212** AUTHORIZE TOWNSHIPS-EXEMPT PROPERTY TAX (SCHURING K) To authorize townships and municipal corporations to designate areas within which new homes and improvements to existing homes are wholly or partially exempted from property taxation.
Current Status: 5/19/2020 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-212>
- SB305** TELEMEDICINE DURING EMERGENCY (CRAIG H) To require health plan issuers to cover telemedicine services during a state of emergency and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 5/27/2020 - Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-305>
- SB309** SWIMMING CLASSES (GAVARONE T) To allow certified swimming classes to take place at a private residential swimming pool without requiring the pool's operator to obtain a public swimming pool license and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 6/3/2020 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-309>
- SB321** MUNICIPAL TREASURERS-LIABILITY (WILSON S) To make changes regarding the circumstances in which county treasurers, township fiscal officers and deputy fiscal officers, and municipal treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds.
Current Status: 6/10/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-321>
- SB333** ODNR PAYMENTS-LAND ACQUISITIONS (SCHAFFER T) To require the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to make payments in lieu of taxes to local taxing units for significant land acquisitions by the department after 2018.
Current Status: 9/1/2020 - Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-333>
- SB334** DESIGNATE JUNETEENTH LEGAL HOLIDAY (CRAIG H, BRENNER A) To establish the nineteenth of June as Juneteenth, a legal holiday for which government employees receive paid leave.
Current Status: 6/30/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate General Government and Agency Review
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-334>
- SB335** REDUCE PROPERTY TAXES-OWNER OCCUPIED HOMES (CRAIG H) To reduce property taxes on owner-occupied homes to the extent that property taxes increase by more than 3% from the previous year and to name this act the Property Tax Relief and Local Government Support Act.
Current Status: 7/21/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-335>
- SB338** PROHIBIT BIASED POLICING (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit police officers from engaging in biased policing and other status-based profiling, and to require the attorney general's office to establish rules regarding such police practices.
Current Status: 7/21/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-338>

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SB343 EVICTION COURT FILES-EXPUNGEMENT (CRAIG H, KUNZE S) Related to expungement of eviction case court files.

Current Status: 9/1/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-343>

SB352 MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING (ROEGNER K) To modify municipal income tax employer withholding rules for COVID-19-related work-from-home employees.

Current Status: 9/1/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-352>

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

- HB48** LOCAL GOVT ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND (GREENSPAN D) To provide for a new Local Government Road Improvement Fund for local governments to fund road improvements.
Current Status: 2/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-48>
- HB93** PUBLIC TRANSIT INVESTMENT (SKINDELL M, UPCHURCH T) To make appropriations related to public transportation.
Current Status: 3/5/2019 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-93>
- HB97** MINORS-BIKE HELMETS (SKINDELL M) To require bicycle operators and passengers under 18 years of age to wear protective helmets and to establish the Bicycle Safety Fund.
Current Status: 3/12/2019 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-97>
- HB116** TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH (BRINKMAN T) To make an appropriation related to transportation planning and research.
Current Status: 3/12/2019 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-116>
- HB202** ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE (SMITH K, WEINSTEIN C) To establish the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Study Committee.
Current Status: 10/1/2019 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-202>
- HB295** ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (HOOPS J) To establish requirements governing low-speed electric scooters.
Current Status: 2/12/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED & REPORTED OUT, Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Sixth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-295>
- HB384** PERMITTING STOP SIGN REQUESTS (BOGGS K, LELAND D) To permit a local resident, neighborhood association, or neighborhood organization to request the erection of a stop sign at an intersection and to support a request for a lower prima-facie speed limit on certain streets and highways.
Current Status: 6/2/2020 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-384>
- HB468** HANDHELD ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHILE DRIVING (LIGHTBODY M) To alter the law governing the use of a handheld electronic wireless communications device while driving.
Current Status: 5/19/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-468>
- HB476** EMINENT DOMAIN (MANNING D, HAMBLEY S) To amend the law regarding eminent domain and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 6/9/2020 - House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-476>

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- HB490** ELECTRIC/ HYBRID VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES (GREENSPAN D, SHEEHY M) To provide for the proration of the plug-in electric and hybrid motor vehicle registration fees.
Current Status: 2/11/2020 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-490>
- HB501** ANIMAL-DRAWN VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS (WIGGAM S, KICK D) To clarify the law governing slow-moving vehicles and to revise the lighting and reflective material requirements applicable to animal-drawn vehicles.
Current Status: 6/2/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-501>
- HB546** REGISTRATION FEES - ELECTRIC VEHICLES (MILLER J, WEINSTEIN C) To alter the definitions of “plug-in electric motor vehicle” and “hybrid motor vehicle” under the motor vehicle law and to halve the additional registration fees for those two types of motor vehicles.
Current Status: 6/2/2020 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-546>
- SB73** PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS (BRENNER A) To alter the law governing yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks.
Current Status: 5/12/2020 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-73>
- SB85** SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMITS (MAHARATH T) To establish signage requirements for indicating school zones for speed limit purposes, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 9/17/2019 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-85>
- SB132** GAS TAX-LOCAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATION (WILLIAMS S) To modify the amount of revenue derived from any increase in the motor fuel tax rate that is allocated to local governments and to change the manner in which that revenue is divided between municipal corporations, counties, and townships.
Current Status: 5/1/2019 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-132>
- SB161** PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING (HOTTINGER J, DOLAN M) To specify requirements related to peer-to-peer car sharing in Ohio.
Current Status: 6/13/2019 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-161>
- SB204** AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (SCHURING K, SYKES V) To authorize the creation of an airport development district for the purpose of funding public infrastructure improvements and attracting airlines and additional flights to a qualifying airport.
Current Status: 6/10/2020 - Referred to Committee House Economic and Workforce Development
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-204>
- SB257** ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATIONS (O'BRIEN S, RULLI M) To authorize tax incentives for the purchase of plug-in electric motor vehicles and charging stations.
Current Status: 6/9/2020 - Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-257>

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- SB279** PROHIBIT PHONES WHILE DRIVING (MAHARATH T) To generally prohibit the use of electronic wireless devices while driving.
Current Status: 3/4/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-279>
- SB285** DISTRACTED DRIVING (O'BRIEN S, KUNZE S) To revise the laws relative to distracted driving and the use of an electronic wireless communications device while driving.
Current Status: 5/27/2020 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-285>
- SB291** ELECTRIC VEHICLE FEES (LEHNER P, HOTTINGER J) To provide for the proration of the plug-in electric and hybrid motor vehicle registration fees.
Current Status: 5/6/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-291>

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Goal 3: Pursue sustainability solutions that protect and conserve our natural resources and promote a diverse supply of clean, affordable, and reliable sources of energy for our growing region.

- HB7** H2OHIO PROGRAM (GHANBARI H, PATTERSON J) To create the H2Ohio Trust Fund for the protection and preservation of Ohio's water quality, to create the H2Ohio Advisory Council to disburse money from the Fund for water quality programs, and to create the H2Ohio Endowment Board to make recommendations to the Treasurer of State regarding the issuance of securities to pay for costs related to the purposes of the Fund.
Current Status: 10/22/2019 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-7>
- HB20** SOLAR PANEL LIMITATIONS (BLESSING III L) To prohibit condominium, homeowners, and neighborhood associations from imposing unreasonable limitations on the installation of solar collector systems on the roof or exterior walls of improvements.
Current Status: 6/26/2019 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-20>
- HB104** NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT (STEIN D) To enact the Advanced Nuclear Technology Helping Energize Mankind (ANTHEM) Act by establishing the Ohio Nuclear Development Authority and the Ohio Nuclear Development Consortium and authorizing tax credits for investments therein.
Current Status: 7/21/2020 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-104>
- HB242** BAN PLASTIC BAG FEES (LANG G, JONES D) To authorize the use of an auxiliary container for any purpose, to prohibit the imposition of a tax or fee on those containers, and to apply existing anti-littering law to those containers.
Current Status: 5/27/2020 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 23-9
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-242>
- HB246** PUCO/OCC REFORM (VITALE N) To reform and modernize the Public Utilities Commission and the Consumers' Counsel.
Current Status: 5/28/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-246>
- HB247** RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE LAW (STEIN D) Regarding the competitive retail electric service law.
Current Status: 10/23/2019 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-247>
- HB260** CLEAN ENERGY JOBS (DENSON S, WEINSTEIN C) To maintain operations of certified clean air resources, establish the Ohio generation and jobs incentive program and the energy performance and waste reduction program, and make changes regarding wind turbine siting.
Current Status: 5/28/2019 - Referred to Committee House Energy and Natural Resources
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-260>
- HB264** WATER DEVELOPMENT-LOAN REFINANCING (WILKIN S, O'BRIEN M) To allow the Ohio Water Development Authority to provide for the refinancing of loans for certain public water and waste water infrastructure projects.
Current Status: 6/30/2020 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 29-0
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-264>

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- HB343** EMERGENCY WATER AND SEWER (PATTERSON J) To make an appropriation related to emergency water and sewer system funding.
Current Status: 2/26/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-343>
- HB401** TOWNSHIP REFERENDUM - WIND FARMS (REINEKE W) To require inclusion of safety specifications in wind farm certificate applications, to modify wind turbine setbacks, and to permit a township referendum vote on certain wind farm certificates.
Current Status: 12/3/2019 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-401>
- HB522** WASTE DISPOSAL - CONSERVANCY DISTRICTS (SOBECKI L, SWEARINGEN D) To authorize conservancy districts to provide for the collection and disposal of solid waste.
Current Status: 3/10/2020 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-522>
- HB738** REPEAL HB6 - REVIVE PRIOR LAWS (SKINDELL M, O'BRIEN M) To repeal Sections 4 and 5 of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to repeal the changes made by H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to the laws governing electric service, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and the changes made to other related laws.
Current Status: 8/31/2020 - Referred to Committee House Energy Policy and Oversight Select Committee
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-738>
- HB746** REPEAL HB6 (LANESE L, GREENSPAN D) To repeal the changes made by H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to the laws governing electric service, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and the changes made to other related laws.
Current Status: 9/10/2020 - , (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-746>
- SB2** STATEWIDE WATERSHED PLANNING (PETERSON B, DOLAN M) To create a statewide watershed planning structure for watershed programs to be implemented by local soil and water conservation districts.
Current Status: 2/19/2020 - BILL AMENDED, House Energy and Natural Resources, (Fifth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-2>
- SB222** PROHIBIT TAX-PLASTIC BAGS (RULLI M) To authorize the use of an auxiliary container for any purpose, to prohibit the imposition of a tax or fee on those containers, and to apply existing anti-littering law to those containers.
Current Status: 12/3/2019 - Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-222>
- SB234** WIND FARMS (MCCOLLEY R) To require inclusion of safety specifications in wind farm certificate applications, to modify wind turbine setbacks, and to permit a township referendum vote on certain wind farm certificates.
Current Status: 2/11/2020 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-234>

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SB346 REPEAL HB6 (O'BRIEN S, KUNZE S) To repeal the changes made by H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to the laws governing electric service, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and the changes made to other related laws.

Current Status: 9/1/2020 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SB-346>

SJR1 CLEAN WATER IMPROVEMENTS (GAVARONE T, O'BRIEN S) 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 clean water improvements.

Current Status: 10/1/2019 - Senate Finance, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-SJR-1>

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Goal 4: Promote effective data policies and the equitable deployment of digital infrastructure that benefit Central Ohio communities.

HB13 RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND (CARFAGNA R, O'BRIEN M) To establish the residential broadband expansion program and to make an appropriation.

Current Status: 7/21/2020 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-13>

HB46 STATE GOVT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (GREENSPAN D) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database.

Current Status: 1/22/2020 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate General Government and Agency Review, (Seventh Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA133-HB-46>

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