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What's Happening

Voters Nominate DeWine and Whaley to Face Off in November

Ohio voters came to the polls on Tuesday, May 3rd to nominate Republican Governor Mike DeWine and Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley in contested partisan primary elections for Governor. DeWine won 48% of the vote, besting challengers Jim Renacci's 28%, Joe Blystone's 21.8%, and Ron Hood's 2.1% of votes cast.

Whaley won her contested primary with 65% of the vote to defeat Democratic challenger and former Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley, who captured 35% of the vote.

In the race to replace retiring U.S. Senator Rob Portman next year, Republican JD Vance won a crowded and expensive primary by capturing 32.2% of the vote over his challengers. Vance will be facing Democrat U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, who won his primary with 69.7% of the vote.

In other statewide races, winners included Republican Frank LaRose and Democrat Chelsea Clark for Secretary of State, Republican Dave Yost and Democrat Jeffrey Crossman for Attorney General, Republican Keith Faber and Democrat Taylor Sappington for State Auditor, and Republican Robert Sprague and Democrat Scott Schertzer for State Treasurer.

Also in November, Republican Sharon Kennedy will face Democrat Jennifer Brunner for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. In addition, Republican Patrick DeWine will face Democrat Marilyn Zayas for Associate Justice, while Republican Patrick Fischer will face Democrat Terri Jamison for Associate Justice.

Finally, the following races have been set in November for Ohio's 15 newly drawn U.S. House of Representatives districts:

- » **District 1:** Steve Chabot (R) vs. Greg Landsman (D)
- » **District 2:** Brad Wenstrup (R) vs. Samantha Meadows (D)
- » **District 3:** Joyce Beatty (D) vs. Lee Stahley (R)
- » **District 4:** Jim Jordan (R) vs. Tamie Wilson (D)
- » **District 5:** Bob Latta (R) vs. Craig Swartz (D)
- » **District 6:** Bill Johnson (R) vs. Louis Lyras (D)
- » **District 7:** Max Miller (R) vs. Matthew Diemer (D)
- » **District 8:** Warren Davidson (R) vs. Vanessa Enoch (D)
- » **District 9:** Marcy Kaptur (D) vs. J.R. Majewski (R)
- » **District 10:** Mike Turner (R) vs. David Esrati (D)
- » **District 11:** Shontel Brown (D) vs. Eric Brewer (R)
- » **District 12:** Troy Balderson (R) vs. Amy Rippel-Elton (D)
- » **District 13:** Emilia Sykes (D) vs. Madison Gesiotto Gilbert (R)
- » **District 14:** David Joyce (R) vs. Matt Killboy (D)
- » **District 15:** Mike Carey (R) vs. Gary Josephson (D)



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Ohio General Assembly Redistricting Update

Due to a back and forth between the Ohio Redistricting Commission and the Ohio Supreme Court, with the high court invalidating four sets of maps in 4-3 rulings, Ohio voters did not vote on members of the Ohio General Assembly during the May 3rd Primary election.

In April, a three-judge federal panel pushed its date of last resort back to Saturday, May 28. If the Ohio Redistricting Commission does not come up with a new plan by then, the judges said, they will order the use of the third plan adopted by the Ohio Redistricting Commission for the upcoming election.

In a per curiam opinion, U.S. District Chief Judge Algenon Marbley, U.S. Circuit Judge Amul Thapar and U.S. District Judge Benjamin Beaton agreed a case brought by Republican activists has standing and that they must act in the federal lawsuit if the state does not resolve its redistricting issue. Marbley, however, dissented on the remedy that the court should order which appears to negate the need for any further action by the commission and clears the way for a second primary on Aug. 2.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose rejected a statement in the most recent Ohio Supreme Court opinion, signed by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor and Justices Jennifer Brunner and Melody Stewart, which suggested that the state could hold a primary for General Assembly candidates in late August or September. LaRose commented, "To be clear, any primary held after Aug. 2 would directly conflict with the statutorily required deadlines of the General Election."

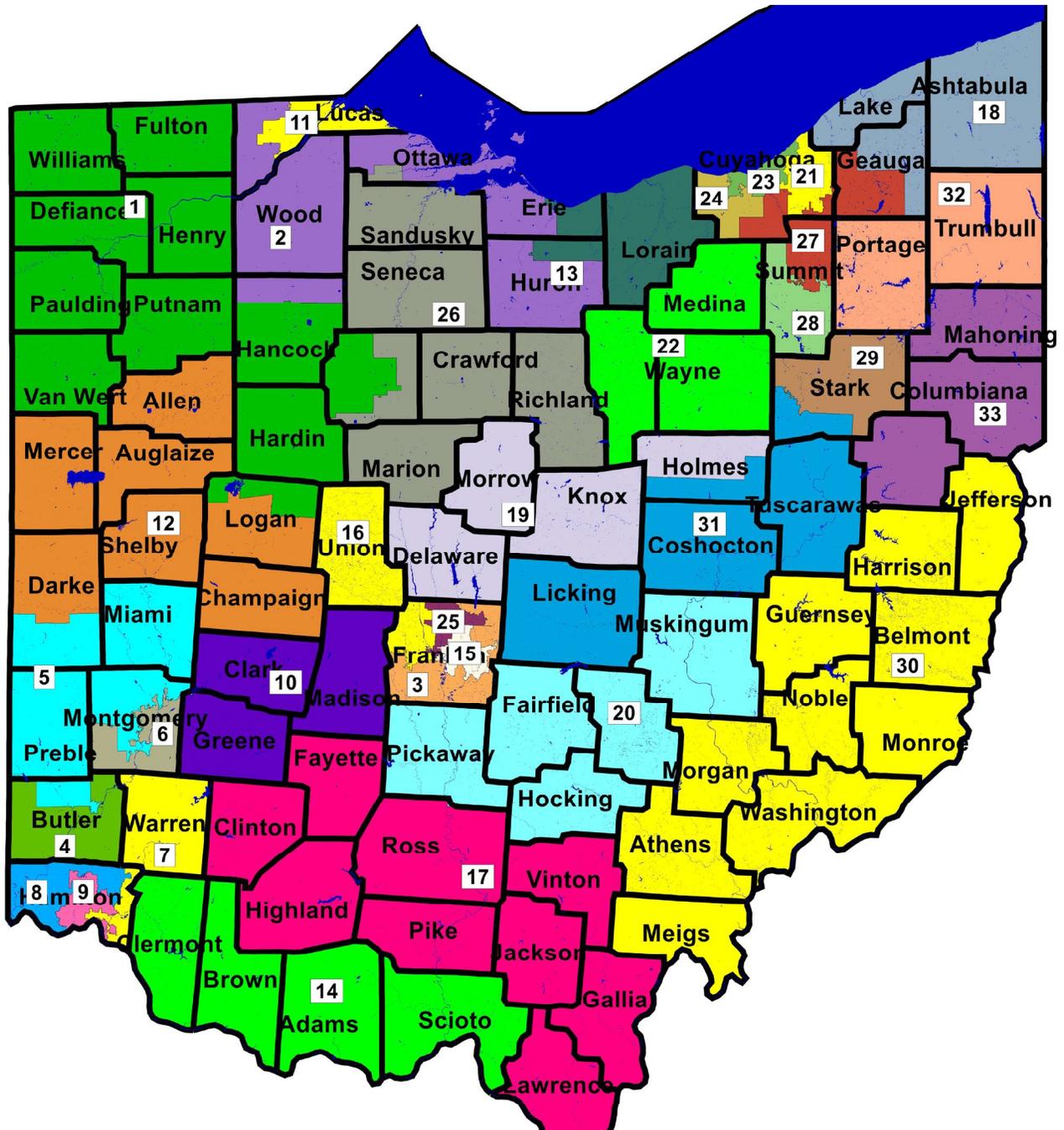
Following the latest Ohio Supreme Court decision which invalidated a fourth set of General Assembly maps, the Ohio Redistricting Commission met on May 4th to reject a motion by Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) to rehire independent mapmakers Michael McDonald and Douglas Johnson to finish their work on a set of maps they created following the Supreme Court striking down the third redistricting plan.

Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose stated it would be nearly impossible to implement any other map, even with slight changes to the third map, without help from the Legislature to move statutory deadlines. LaRose laid out the upcoming deadlines, including validating candidate petitions, certifying the official form of the ballot, and mailing out the first ballots to overseas voters by Friday, June 17 assuming a Aug. 2 primary date. Senator Robert McColley (R-Napoleon) stated at the hearing he was not certain there would be enough votes in the Senate to alter any of the statutory deadlines that LaRose cited.

The Commission met again on May 5th and voted 4-3 to resubmit the February 24th approved legislative map, its third of the four previously approved versions, for use in the 2022 elections.

The likely new Ohio House and Ohio Senate maps for the next General Assembly are listed on the following pages.

Proposed Statewide Senate District Map



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FY22-23 Budget

Preliminary revenue data released by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) for April show the state finished the month \$1 billion or 45.6 percent over estimates, bringing in a total of \$3.3 billion compared to estimated revenue of nearly \$2.3 billion. This excess revenue was driven by personal income tax (PIT) receipts of nearly \$894.7 million or 89.2 percent over estimates for April. OBM attributes the large variance to “stronger than anticipated payments from annual tax return filings.” All other major sources of General Revenue Fund dollars were also over estimates. So far, through 10 months of FY22, the state has collected a total of nearly \$22.9 billion or 12 percent over the estimated revenue of nearly \$20.5 billion. Compared to this time in FY21, the state has collected nearly \$2.1 billion more than was collected through April 2021.

Census

The U.S. Census Bureau and National Archives released records from the 1950 Census, as 2022 marks the end of the 72-year window in which decennial census records remain confidential. The records are available at <https://1950census.archives.gov/>. “Since 1790, census data have painted a vivid, vibrant portrait of America. While the decennial census is constitutionally used to determine congressional apportionment to states, the completed forms can give us a unique peek into our nation’s past, to the delight of historians, genealogists, and to all of us, the public,” said Robert Santos, director of the U.S. Census Bureau, in a video message about the release.

Economic Development

Gov. Mike DeWine’s administration announced the approval of assistance for five projects expected to create 733 new jobs and retain 1,344 jobs statewide. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought by JobsOhio and its regional partners. The projects are expected to collectively result in more than \$58 million in new payroll and spur more than \$563 million in investments across Ohio.

Gov. Mike DeWine, Lt. Gov. Jon Husted and Department of Development (DOD) Director Lydia Mihalik all spoke at events around the state, announcing distribution of \$60 million in the first round of Brownfield Remediation grant funds. The program has a total of \$350 million and launched in December 2021. DOD will provide funds for 78 projects in 35 counties as part of the first round, including \$54.8 million for 37 clean-up projects and \$5.5 million for 41 assessment projects. The program focuses on industrial, commercial and institutional brownfield sites that had been abandoned, idled or underutilized because of the known or potential release of hazardous substances or petroleum.

Elections 2022

Rep. Kristin Boggs (D-Columbus) is seeking a seat on Ohio’s 10th District Court of Appeals, forgoing her last term in the General Assembly. She would have faced term limits after the 135th General Assembly. Boggs was elected to the Ohio House in 2016, previously serving as an assistant Ohio attorney general, where she represented state agencies and universities in civil actions filed in the Court of Claims.

Gov. Mike DeWine Tuesday did not have to wait long to give a victory speech in the Republican primary for governor. Within 45 minutes of the polls’ closing at 7:30 p.m., multiple news outlets including the Associated Press called the race for him. DeWine, who had drawn heat from some conservatives over the way he handled the pandemic in Ohio, easily defeated former U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci, who came in second, farmer Joe Blystone and former state Rep. Ron Hood, who was a distant fourth.

Former Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley made history as the first woman to be nominated by a major party to be governor, overwhelmingly defeating former Cincinnati Mayor John Cranley to capture the nomination.

J.D. Vance won Ohio’s seven-way U.S. Senate Republican primary election. The Hillbilly Elegy author, bolstered by the endorsement of former President Donald Trump, won the contest with about 32 percent of the vote. Former Treasurer of

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State Josh Mandel received 24 percent, and Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) got 23 percent. Investment banker Mike Gibbons got 12 percent, while former Ohio Republican Party Chair Jane Timken received 6 percent. Businessmen Mike Pukita and Neil Patel got 2 percent and 1 percent, respectively.

U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Niles) is the Democratic nominee in Ohio's 2022 U.S. Senate race. Ryan, widely seen as the favorite in the primary election, received about 71 percent of the vote. Attorney/community organizer Morgan Harper came in second with 17 percent, and tech executive Traci (TJ) Johnson finished with 12 percent. Ryan celebrated his victory at Firefighters Local 67 in Downtown Columbus, joined by his family, Sen. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus), Ohio AFL-CIO President Tim Burga, Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) Executive Director Joe Rugola and U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty (D-Columbus), among others.

All of the sitting members of Ohio's congressional delegation who are running for re-election didn't see their campaigns come to an end. U.S. Reps. Brad Wenstrup (R-Cincinnati), Bill Johnson (R-Marietta), Warren Davidson (R-Troy), Shontel Brown (D-Warrensville Heights), Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) and David Joyce (R-Twinsburg) all defeated their primary challengers. In perhaps the biggest upset, Port Clinton's J.R. Majewski defeated three others, including Sen. Theresa Gavarone (R-Bowling Green) and Craig Riedel (R-Defiance) to win the Republican nomination for the 9th Congressional District and will take on U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo), who with nearly 40 years in office is the longest serving woman in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Energy

President Joe Biden announced that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is issuing an emergency waiver to relax federal restrictions on the sale of 15 percent ethanol fuel, or E15, between June 1-Sept. 15 in an effort to lower sticker shock during vacation driving season. E15 is generally cheaper than regular gasoline and the federal government says it is safe to use in cars manufactured in 2001 or later.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce joined JobsOhio and Battelle Memorial Institute to urge the Biden administration to name the Buckeye State one of four Clean Hydrogen Hubs to be funded by \$9.5 billion from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Former U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers, Ohio Chamber president, joined Battelle CEO Lewis Von Thae, Managing Director Matt Cybulski of JobsOhio's Energy and Chemicals division, CEO Kirt Conrad of Stark Area Regional Transit Authority (SARTA) and CEO Angelo Kafantaris of Hyperion Corp., a hydrogen car manufacturer that launched in Columbus 10 years ago and is relocating its headquarters to the capital city after moving to California. The group said Ohio not only has not the shale natural gas for "blue" hydrogen production but also the biomass for renewably driven hydrogen and the generation capacity for "green" H electrolysis. The latter produces no carbon dioxide waste, which otherwise must be sequestered underground, and benefits from low- to zero-carbon electricity as the major input.

Federal

The U.S. Senate voted 53-47 to confirm Ketanji Brown Jackson to the U.S. Supreme Court, making her the first Black woman to serve on the nation's highest court. U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) voted to confirm Jackson, while U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) voted against her confirmation.

General Assembly/Statehouse

The Senate unanimously sent the capital reappropriations bill to Gov. Mike DeWine for his signature. HB597 (Oelslager) reappropriates \$2 billion in capital projects for FY23-24. Sen. Matt Dolan (R-Chagrin Falls) said that because of when the General Assembly passed the last capital budget as well as issues from the pandemic, a number of projects were not finished. He said HB597 needs to be in place by July 1 so the projects are not disrupted which means it must be passed by April 1. The bill does not include any new money.

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The Senate also passed HB175 (Hillyer), which Sen. Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) said will clarify which ephemeral water features are regulated in the state and will align the state with federal policy. The bill passed 25-8 along party lines.

While most bills on the calendar passed with broad support, a few drew substantial opposition, including HB519 (Roemer-Lanese), which lowers the maximum penalty for failure to file a municipal income tax return to \$25, and specifies that municipalities can send notices to taxpayers who haven't filed, except those who've requested an extension on state and federal returns. The bill then passed 59-29.

Rep. Juanita Brent (D-Cleveland) is the new president of the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus (OLBC). Rep. Thomas West (D-Canton) resigned from his OLBC leadership position to focus more attention on his work as assistant minority leader of the House Democratic Caucus, OLBC said. The rest of the OLBC leadership team is as follows:

- » Rep. Catherine Ingram (D-Cincinnati) is first vice president.
- » Rep. Dontavius Jarrells (D-Columbus) is second vice president.
- » Rep. Terrence Upchurch (D-Cleveland) is treasurer.
- » Rep. Sedrick Denson (D-Cincinnati) is secretary.
- » Sen. Hearcel Craig (D-Columbus) is sergeant at arms.
- » Sen. Vernon Sykes (D-Akron) is parliamentarian.

Governor

Bill signed by the governor: HB597 CAPITAL REAPPROPRIATIONS (OELSLAGER S) To revise the law regarding priority for classroom facilities projects for which the prior conditional approval lapsed and to make capital appropriations for the biennium ending June 30, 2024.

Health + Human Services

Legislation that generally prohibits the promotion of "divisive concepts" by public schools, public universities, state agencies and local governments would harm efforts to reduce racial disparities in health outcomes, minority health advocates said during a Statehouse press conference. Ohio Poverty Law Center Policy Advocate Tim Johnson, PrimaryOne Health CEO Charleta Tavares, Children's Defense Fund-Ohio Executive Director Tracy Najera and First Congregational Church Senior Minister Rev. Tim Ahrens all urged House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) to publicly announce that HB327 (Grendell-Fowler Arthur) will not receive any more hearings in the House State and Local Government Committee. "The Legislature must acknowledge that the bill cannot be fixed. It cannot be amended to make it better. HB327 must not move forward, period," Johnson said. The controversial bill has also been condemned by education groups and free speech advocates, among others.

A newly released report shines a light on the availability of affordable housing in Ohio and across the country. "The Gap Report," released jointly by the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO) and the National Low Income Housing Coalition, shows a shortage of affordable and available rental homes for extremely low-income households. The report notes many of these households are severely cost burdened, meaning they spend more than half of their income on housing. According to the report, no state in the country has an adequate supply of rental housing affordable and available for extremely low-income households (ELI) — meaning those at or below the federal poverty guideline or at 30 percent of the median family income in the area, whichever is higher. In Ohio, the report shows a deficit of 254,545 rental units that are affordable and available to the state's 443,717 ELI households.

Housing/Homelessness

The Ohio Third Frontier Commission approved \$2.5 million in funding for tech startup companies in health care and defense industries, along with \$3 million for continued support of the Diversity and Inclusion Technology Internship Program helping grow Ohio's workforce and inclusive tech economy.

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Home sales fell nearly 5 percent in March compared to a year earlier, but the average sales price was up by double digits, according to Ohio Realtors. The association pointed out that the lower sales still exceeded comparable pre-pandemic figures. Sales of 11,832 homes marked a 4.8 percent decline from the 12,429 homes sold in March 2021, while the average price increased by 11.1 percent, from \$222,421 to \$247,123.

Judicial

Government bodies in Ohio have struggled with the prospect of executive session since last year's 12th District decision granting Chris Hicks of the Clermont County Republican Party Executive Committee \$80,000 in legal fees for county commissioners' apparent failure to conduct themselves lawfully, counsel told the Ohio Supreme Court in oral arguments. How to announce executive session under R.C. 121.22(G), how and whether public officials must show confidential proceedings didn't stray from their stated purpose, and whether the Open Meetings Act (OMA) could use an overhaul are now questions before the Court.

Natural Resources

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) detailed improvements to community trails made possible by funding from the Recreational Trails (RTP) and Clean Ohio Trails programs. ODNR administers the federal RTP grant program, which reimburses up to 80 percent of a project's cost. Chosen projects create and maintain trails, improve access for people with disabilities and provide education about trail safety and the environment.

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Geological Survey has released new groundwater maps that offer a highly detailed assessment of Ohio's aquifers and how vulnerable they are to pollution. They will serve as tools for land-use planning and development. Modern advances in data gathering and mapping technology allowed the division to develop maps with greater detail that evaluate the groundwater resources across county lines and throughout the state.

Public Safety

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) and other members of the 6-State Trooper Project recently collaborated in a distracted driving project which ran from Monday, April 4 and ended Monday, April 11. The high-visibility enforcement included the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, West Virginia State Police and the Ohio State Highway Patrol. During the 6-State Trooper Project, the patrol cited 419 drivers with distracted driving.

State Government

Sen. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) said he hoped a forthcoming meeting with Ohio Department of Development (DOD) Director Lydia Mihalik and Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima) will address concerns regarding a new scoring system for the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Program. Schuring had discussed the scoring with the Senate Ways and Means Committee earlier in regard to a potential amendment on HB95 (Manchester-Lightbody), though AM2968-1 was not formally offered and the committee voted the bill out. During comments to the committee — which he is not a member of — Schuring opened by detailing the history of his work to create the program and efforts of then-Lt. Gov. and DOD Director Bruce Johnson, Tax Commissioner Bill Wilkin and Senate Ways and Means Chair Ron Amstutz. The program has brought \$7 billion in investments to Ohio since then, he said, and "doesn't need to be fixed." The new scoring criterion, however, was applied to the latest round, which closed on March 31. Schuring said all types of housing should be treated equally, and affordable housing should be left to market forces in regard to the historic preservation tax credits.

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Taxation

Schools and local governments will only be able to challenge property valuations for tax purposes if the difference between the sale price and county auditor's valuation exceeds 10 percent and \$500,000, under legislation headed to Gov. Mike DeWine's desk. The House and Senate both adopted the version of HB126 (Merrin) hammered out in a conference committee earlier in the day. The Senate approved it on a 24-8 vote. The conference report was approved on the House floor by a vote of 59-35.

Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova), the bill sponsor and conference committee chair, has sought for multiple sessions to enact restrictions on the ability of political subdivisions to challenge valuations and to enter private-pay agreements where property owners agree to make payments in order to settle the disputes. Merrin said in the conference committee hearing that the final version would provide protection against "arbitrary and unwarranted complaints" and reduce property owners' uncertainty about their tax expenses. He called private-pay agreements, which are banned in the bill, "special, unseemly cash payments that distort values and treat taxpayers differently."

Technology/Aerospace

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Telecommunications/Broadband

The Broadcast Educational Media Commission (BEMC) held its first meeting of 2022, hearing presentations on the state's ongoing efforts to expand broadband access as well as on a new collaboration among Ohio's public radio stations. Scott Gaughan told commissioners the pandemic shone a light on the "digital divide" across the state as well as showed how critical reliable broadband access has become, particularly for students. Gaughan is the director of Network Services at the Management Council - Ohio Educational Computer Network (MCOECN), which is the umbrella organization that provides connectivity to all of Ohio's K-12 schools.

Transportation/Infrastructure

Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Jack Marchbanks appeared before the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee to update the members on the federal infrastructure law, to request a couple of law changes to make Ohio's use of those funds possible, and to discuss the impact should Sen. Steve Huffman's (R-Lima) SB277 — the gas tax rollback — pass. He said there were a number of caveats around the federal money including that, although it includes \$550 billion in new federal spending over the next five years, only the money for the current fiscal year has been appropriated. In addition, he said the funds come with "a lot of strings and carveouts." For Ohio that means while the state is due to receive more than \$11 billion over the five years, "a decent portion of that is already spoken for" He went on to mention the funding targeted for bridge repair and replacement including the Cincinnati Brent-Spence Bridge, as well as the new electric vehicle charging infrastructure and "unprecedented" amounts targeted to public transit and airports. The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) announced the beginning of construction season in Ohio, saying it will invest nearly \$2 billion in 829 projects across the state. According to ODOT, crews will improve 661 bridges and 7,626 miles of pavement. There are also 222 projects aimed directly at improving safety on Ohio roads. ODOT noted that 95 cents of every \$1 that will be spent on construction will go toward preserving existing infrastructure.

Gov. Mike DeWine said that his administration will be sending \$47.5 million in extra funding for local bridge projects for the next five years thanks to federal funds enacted as a part of the federal bipartisan infrastructure law. DeWine and the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) said the extra funds will bring Ohio's annual investment in county and municipal bridges to \$112.5 million per year. Funding from ODOT for bridges maintained by the state's 88 county engineers will increase from \$34 million to \$74 million annually, and municipal-owned bridge funding will increase from \$11 million

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to \$18.5 million each year. The additional \$47.5 million is part of the \$104 million in bridge funding that Ohio will receive in each of the next five years as part of the federal infrastructure bill. It requires Ohio to spend \$15.6 million of the \$104 million each year into bridges owned by municipalities, townships and counties, but DeWine said his administration will be more than tripling the amount going to local communities.

Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Jack Marchbanks announced the release of \$51 million for 44 new safety improvement projects to specifically address an increase in pedestrian-involved traffic crashes and fatal roadway departures on state and local roads. The funds come as fatal crashes involving pedestrians and roadway departures both hit their highest levels in 2021, compared to the previous decade.

Workforce

Education and business leaders discussed how Ohio can prepare for the future workforce needs triggered by Intel's semiconductor production facilities in Central Ohio, as part of a wider forum on workforce and education hosted by Ohio Excels and the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation. The hour-long panel was moderated by JobsOhio Senior Managing Director Kristi Clouse and included John Berry, president of Central Ohio Technical College (COTC); John Trott, executive director of the Area 7 Workforce Investment Board; Jack Thomas, president of Central State University (CSU); Jeff Spain, director of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership at Columbus State Community College (CSCC); Joyce Malainy, superintendent of the Career and Technology Education Centers of Licking County; and Steve Ringel, executive director of the Ohio State University (OSU) Institute for Materials Research.

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.

- HB63** AMEND EMINENT DOMAIN LAWS (CUTRONA A, STOLTZFUS R) To amend the law regarding eminent domain and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 3/2/2021 - House Civil Justice, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-63>
- HB66** REVIEW PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS (HOOPS J) To require the reporting of information on and legislative review of property tax exemptions.
Current Status: 10/19/2021 - BILL AMENDED, Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-66>
- HB71** EXEMPT CERTAIN HOUSING FROM PROPERTY TAXATION (PLUMMER P, HICKS-HUDSON P) To exempt from property taxation qualifying housing for individuals diagnosed with mental illness or substance use disorder and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 2/23/2021 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-71>
- HB77** PERMIT HIGHER ED BOARD OF TRUSTEES ATTEND ELECTRONICALLY (MANCHESTER S, SWEENEY B) To allow the board of trustees of a state institution of higher education to adopt a policy allowing the trustees to attend a board meeting via means of electronic communication.
Current Status: 5/26/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Workforce and Higher Education
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-77>
- HB143** REGARDS THE CLEAN OHIO PROGRAM (HILLYER B) Relating to the Clean Ohio Program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-143>
- HB228** STATE-ADMINISTERED MUNICIPAL NET PROFIT TAXES (ROEMER B) To make changes related to state-administered municipal net profits taxes.
Current Status: 11/8/2021 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-228>
- HB237** REQUIRE ELECTRONIC MEANS OF RECORDING INSTRUMENTS, INCREASE FEES (HILLYER B) To require counties to provide an electronic means of recording instruments and accessing them, to allow county recorders to charge a document preservation surcharge, to increase recording fees for certain instruments, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 3/15/2022 - House Finance, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-237>
- HB264** MODIFY TAX RULE FOR EMPLOYEES OF TEMPORARY WORKSITE (SMITH M, SOBECKI L) To amend Section 29 of HB197 of the 133rd General Assembly to modify the municipal income tax withholding rule for employees working at a temporary worksite.
Current Status: 4/22/2021 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-264>

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- HB275** EXPAND POLITICAL SUBDIVISION JOINT PURCHASING AUTHORITY (LAMPTON B) To expand political subdivision joint purchasing authority to expressly include purchases for construction services.
Current Status: 5/12/2021 - House Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-275>
- HB290** EXPRESS INTENT FOR SCHOOL FUNDING FORMULA (MCCLAIN R, JOHN M) To express the intent of the General Assembly to establish a school funding formula that allows families to choose the option for all computed funding amounts associated with students' education to follow them to the public and nonpublic schools they attend.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-290>
- HB357** INDEX HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AMOUNTS STEPHENS J, LARE J) To index the homestead exemption amounts to inflation.
Current Status: 10/12/2021 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-357>
- HB364** WATERWORKS INFRASTRUCTURE APPLICATION (PATTON T) To make changes to the application process for the waterworks infrastructure improvement surcharge.
Current Status: 4/6/2022 - BILL AMENDED, House Public Utilities, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-364>
- HB365** DRINKING WATER SAFETY RULES (LIGHTBODY M, RUSSO A) To require the Director of Environmental Protection to adopt rules establishing maximum allowable contaminant levels in drinking water and water quality standards for certain contaminants.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-365>
- HB377** CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY (HALL T, SWEARINGEN D) To amend Section 220.11 of H.B. 168 of the 134th General Assembly to make an appropriation related to coronavirus local fiscal recovery.
Current Status: 9/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-377>
- HB386** REQUIRE FIRE, POLICE CHIEF RESIDE IN MUNICIPAL CORPORATION (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: 9/16/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-386>
- HB397** AGRICULTURAL LEASES, PUBLIC WORKS (STEWART B, KICK D) To revise the law regarding agricultural leases and soil and water conservation districts; to modify the laws governing the Ohio Public Works Commission, district public works integrating committees, and natural resources assistance councils; to convey state-owned land in Fairfield County to the board of commissioners of Fairfield County; to create the Investing in Ohio Fund; to revise the law governing the issuance of unit operation orders under the Oil and Gas Law; to make changes to the law regarding battery-charged fences; and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/21/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-397>

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- HB422** BILLING - MUNICIPAL SERVICES (FRAIZER M, WEST T) To limit the amount municipal corporations can recover from property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid municipal utility and other service rates and charges and to create an appeals process for improper billing of municipal services.
Current Status: 3/2/2022 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House State and Local Government, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-422>
- HB430** PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT (CROSS J) Relating to property development and protecting underground utility facilities during construction and to designate April as "Ohio Work Zone Safety Awareness Month."
Current Status: 4/5/2022 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-430>
- HB463** ELIMINATE HEALTH DISTRICT ADVISORY COUNCILS (STEPHENS J) To eliminate district advisory councils for general health districts, and transfer their duties and responsibilities to boards of county commissioners.
Current Status: 4/6/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-463>
- HB519** MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX FILINGS (ROEMER B, LANESE L) To modify the law regarding extensions for filing municipal income tax returns and to limit penalties for late filings.
Current Status: 4/6/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-519>
- HB546** INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (GRENDALL D) To allow local governments to establish investment funds and use interest earnings to reduce taxes and special assessments on senior citizen homesteads.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-546>
- HB560** TAX CREDIT FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING (HOOPS J, PAVLIGA G) To authorize a nonrefundable tax credit for the construction or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Families, Aging and Human Services
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-560>
- HB563** LIMIT LOCAL REGULATION OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTY (FOWLER S, FERGUSON R) To limit local regulation of short-term rental property.
Current Status: 3/22/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-563>
- HB566** VACANT PROPERTY OWNERS - CONTACT INFO (BLACKSHEAR W, WHITE A) To require owners of vacant property to file contact information with the county auditor.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-566>
- HB581** COUNTY CREDIT CHARGES (MILLER J, HOLMES A) To allow county credit card charges for temporary and necessary assistance care provided by a county veterans service office.
Current Status: 3/1/2022 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-581>

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- SB15** FISCAL OFFICERS-LIABILITY (WILSON S) To change the circumstances in which certain fiscal officers may be held liable for a loss of public funds.
Current Status: 4/6/2022 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 96-0
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-15>
- SB20** COUNTY UTILITY SUPPLY CONTRACTS (HACKETT R) To exempt county utility supply contracts entered into under a joint purchasing program from the 10-year maximum period for such contracts and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 3/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-20>
- SB24** FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS (GAVARONE T, PETERSON B) To enact the First-time Home Buyer Savings Act, authorizing income tax deductions for contributions to and earnings on savings accounts designated for the purchase of a home.
Current Status: 10/19/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-24>
- SB45** TAX INDUCEMENTS CERTAIN BUSINESSES (PETERSON B, KUNZE S) To enhance state and local tax inducements for businesses making substantial fixed asset and employment investments and their suppliers.
Current Status: 2/23/2021 - Senate Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-45>
- SB172** TAX CREDIT-NONRESIDENT TAXPAYERS (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: 5/4/2021 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-172>
- SB193** UNPAID WATER CHARGES (WILLIAMS S) To prohibit political subdivisions from placing a lien on property for unpaid water charges.
Current Status: 4/5/2022 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-193>

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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.

- HB27** INCREASE PENALTY FOR FAILING TO SECURE VEHICLE LOAD (PATTON T) To increase the criminal penalties associated with failing to secure a load on a vehicle.
Current Status: 3/16/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Judiciary
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-27>
- HB47** ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION GRANT REBATE (LOYCHIK M) To require the Director of Transportation to establish an electric vehicle charging station grant rebate program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 6/22/2021 - BILL AMENDED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-47>
- HB70** REVISE LAW FOR PASSING SCHOOL BUS (BROWN R) To make changes to the law governing passing a school bus.
Current Status: 5/6/2021 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-70>
- HB111** ALTER USE OF CELLPHONES WHILE DRIVING LAWS (LIGHTBODY M) To alter the law governing the use of a handheld electronic wireless communications device while driving.
Current Status: 5/11/2021 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-111>
- HB141** MAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION APPROPRIATIONS (SKINDELL M, UPCHURCH T) To make appropriations related to public transportation.
Current Status: 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-141>
- HB283** EXPAND DISTRACTED DRIVING LAWS (ABRAMS C, LAMPTON B) To expand the texting while driving prohibition to a general prohibition against using an electronic wireless communications device while driving, with certain exceptions, and to create data collection requirements based on associated violations of the distracted driving laws.
Current Status: 3/3/2022 - BILL AMENDED, House Criminal Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-283>
- HB346** REGARDING ELECTRIC MOTOR VEHICLES (MILLER J, WEINSTEIN C) To alter the definitions of "plugin 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: 2/15/2022 - BILL AMENDED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-346>
- HB347** REQUIREMENTS FOR REPLICA MOTOR VEHICLES (FOWLER S) To establish requirements relative to the titling and use of replica motor vehicles.
Current Status: 3/8/2022 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-347>

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- HB361** UNLAWFUL BLOCKS OF RAILROAD CROSSING (HALL T, MIRANDA J) To establish new requirements and increased penalties that apply to a railroad company that unlawfully blocks a railroad crossing.
Current Status: 10/26/2021 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-361>
- HB465** ODOT PROJECT REQUIREMENTS-SCHOOLS (SHEEHY M, BIRD A) To establish requirements regarding Department of Transportation projects, specifically as they relate to schools and school zones.
Current Status: 3/22/2022 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-465>
- HB524** NOTIFICATIONS ISSUED BY STATE AGENCIES (HALL T) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies.
Current Status: 4/7/2022 - House Government Oversight, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-524>
- HB531** COUNTY PROSECUTOR LEGAL SERVICES (GHANBARI H) To allow a county prosecutor to provide legal services to a metropolitan planning organization, regional transportation planning organization, or regional council of governments.
Current Status: 3/16/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government and Elections
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-531>
- HB547** TRAFFIC PHOTO-MONITORING DEVICES (PATTON T) To prohibit a municipal corporation or township that does not operate either a fire department or an emergency medical services organization from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-547>
- HB548** TRAFFIC MONITORING DEVICES - POPULATION REQUIREMENTS (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority with a population of 200 or fewer from utilizing traffic law photo-monitoring devices.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-548>
- HB549** TRAFFIC TICKET REQUIREMENTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority, in any year, from issuing a total number of traffic tickets based on the use of traffic law photo-monitoring devices that exceeds two times the population of the local authority.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-549>
- HB550** TRAFFIC TICKET REQUIREMENTS - ANNUAL REVENUE (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority from deriving more than 30 per cent of the total annual revenue of the local authority from the issuance of tickets for traffic law violations based on evidence recorded by traffic law photo-monitoring devices.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-550>
- HB551** TRAFFIC TICKET REVENUE - LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES (PATTON T) To require 80 per cent of all revenue from a traffic camera ticket be used for law enforcement expenses.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-551>

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- HB552** PROHIBIT TRAFFIC CAMERAS NEAR INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS (PATTON T) To prohibit placement of a traffic camera within one-half mile of an interstate highway entrance.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-552>
- HB553** TRAFFIC CAMERA REQUIREMENTS (PATTON T) To prohibit a local authority, located in a county with a population of one million or more, from using traffic cameras to enforce traffic violations on interstate highways.
Current Status: 2/15/2022 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Public Safety
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-553>
- HB626** MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSES (PATTON T) To modify the penalties for the offense of “failure to comply with an order or signal of a police officer” involving the offender’s operation of a motor vehicle and expressly provide that a motor vehicle used in the offense is subject to possible seizure and forfeiture.
Current Status: 4/20/2022 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-626>
- SB23** ILLEGALLY PASSING SCHOOL BUS (GAVARONE T) To impose a civil penalty when a driver who illegally passes a school bus cannot be identified, to designate the month of August as “School Bus Safety Awareness Month,” and to designate this act as the School Bus Safety Act.
Current Status: 12/7/2021 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, Senate Veterans and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-23>
- SB32** ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATION (RULLI M) To require the Director of Transportation to establish an electric vehicle charging station grant rebate program and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/17/2021 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-32>
- SB277** FUEL TAXES-TEMPORARY REDUCTION (HUFFMAN S) To temporarily reduce motor fuel excise tax rates and suspend collection of the additional motor vehicle registration taxes on electric and hybrid vehicles, both for five years, and to amend the version of section 4503.10 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2022, to continue the changes to that section on and after that date.
Current Status: 2/16/2022 - Senate Transportation, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-277>
- SB279** STATE AGENCY NOTIFICATIONS (WILSON S) To modify the law governing notifications issued by state agencies.
Current Status: 3/16/2022 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-279>
- SB307** ELECTRIC VEHICLE INCENTIVES, UTILITIES (RULLI M) To authorize incentives for the manufacture and usage of electric vehicles, to permit electric distribution utilities to create, and recover costs of, transportation electrification programs, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 4/5/2022 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-307>

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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.

- HB10** REPEAL HB6 - REVISE ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE LAW (LELAND D) To repeal Section 5 of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to make changes regarding electric utility service law, to allow the implementation of energy waste reduction programs, and to repeal certain provisions of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly.
Current Status: 2/17/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-10>
- HB18** REPEAL HB6 (LANESE L) Repeal HB 6 of the 133rd GA
Current Status: 2/17/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-18>
- HB57** REPEAL HB6 ENERGY LAWS (SKINDELL M, O'BRIEN M) 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: 2/17/2021 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-57>
- HB175** DEREGULATE CERTAIN EPHEMERAL WATER FEATURES (HILLYER B) To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws.
Current Status: 4/21/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-175>
- HB192** PROHIBIT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FROM STOPPING CERTAIN ENERGY GENERATION (CUTRONA A) To prohibit counties, townships, and municipal corporations from prohibiting energy generation from fossil fuels and gas pipelines.
Current Status: 5/6/2021 - House Energy and Natural Resources, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-192>
- HB245** EXPAND ELIGIBILITY - COUNTY SEWER DISCOUNTED RATES (INGRAM C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges.
Current Status: 4/14/2021 - Referred to Committee House State and Local Government
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-245>
- HB351** REPEAL NONBYPASSABLE COST RECOVERY MECHANISMS (LANESE L, STOLTZFUS R) To repeal the nonbypassable cost recovery mechanisms associated with legacy generation resources and to provide customer refunds.
Current Status: 10/27/2021 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-351>
- HB381** ELECTRIC CHARGES - OTHER STRUCTURES (GRENDALL D) To allow for certain structures on a retail electric customer's property to be charged the same as the primary residence.
Current Status: 11/10/2021 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-381>

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- HB389** REGARDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY (LELAND D, SEITZ B) To permit electric distribution utilities to establish energy efficiency and peak demand reduction portfolios.
Current Status: 11/17/2021 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Public Utilities, (Fifth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-389>
- HB429** CLEAN ENERGY JOBS (WEINSTEIN C) To establish programs and state policies regarding clean energy jobs and energy justice, to create the Governor's Office of Energy Justice, to make changes to the environmental, electric utility, and other public utility laws, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 10/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-429>
- HB464** ELIMINATE WATER SYSTEM PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (WIGGAM S) To eliminate public water system asset management program requirements and to require the Director of Environmental Protection to rescind rules governing that program.
Current Status: 3/8/2022 - House Agriculture and Conservation, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-464>
- SB19** REGARDING PROPERTY TAXATION (SCHAFFER T) To modify the law regarding property taxation and sales and use tax.
Current Status: 2/7/2022 - House Appoints Managers; D. Merrin, R. Stoltzfus & L. Sobeki Named as House Conferees
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-19>
- SB29** ELIMINATE AUTO ENROLLMENT-UTILITY AGGREGATION (HOAGLAND F) To eliminate automatic enrollment in governmental electric and natural gas aggregation programs.
Current Status: 2/23/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-29>
- SB44** REVISE HB6 FROM 133RD G.A. (RULLI M, CIRINO J) To repeal the nuclear resource credit payment provisions, and amend, and rename as solar resource, the renewable resource credit payment provisions of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly.
Current Status: 3/9/2021 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-44>
- SB89** RENEWABLE ENERGY (DOLAN M) To extend the renewable portfolio standard, increase solar energy benchmarks, and extend the property tax exemption for qualified energy projects that use renewable energy resources.
Current Status: 9/21/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-89>
- SB95** REGULATE UTILITY RESELLERS (MAHARATH T) To require refunds to utility customers who have been improperly charged and to regulate certain resellers of utility service.
Current Status: 3/31/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-95>
- SB96** PREVENT UTILITY DISRUPTION-COVID (WILLIAMS S) To prevent the disruption of utility service during the state of emergency declared regarding COVID-19 and to declare an emergency.
Current Status: 3/31/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-96>

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- SB117** REPEAL LEGACY GENERATION PROVISIONS-HB6 (ROMANCHUK M, CRAIG H) To repeal the legacy generation resource provisions of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly and provide customers refunds.
Current Status: 6/15/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-117>
- SB127** PREVENT LOCALITIES-LIMIT USE OF NATURAL GAS (LANG G, RULLI M) To prevent local governments from limiting use of natural gas.
Current Status: 5/12/2021 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-127>

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

HB278 REVISE MARCS LAWS (HILLYER B) To make changes to laws governing the multi-agency radio communications system (MARCS).
Current Status: 5/4/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-278>

HB432 DATA BREACHES (CROSSMAN J, SOBECKI L) Regarding data breaches on state agency computer systems.
Current Status: 10/12/2021 - Referred to Committee House Technology and Innovation
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-432>

HB445 9-1-1 SERVICES, TRAINING (CARFAGNA R, SMITH K) To make changes to the law governing 9-1-1 service and to repeal program requirements for emergency-service-telecommunicator training.
Current Status: 12/7/2021 - House Transportation and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-445>

SB8 BROADBAND-ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE EASEMENTS (MCCOLLEY R) Regarding broadband expansion, including access to electric cooperative easements and facilities, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 2/17/2021 - Referred to Committee House Finance
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-8>

Goal 5: Raise awareness or racial and social justice issues and work to continually improve communities within our growing region.

HB341 CREATE BUREAU OF HATE CRIMES (MILLER A, WEINSTEIN C) To create the Bureau of Hate Crimes in the Office of the Attorney General and to authorize the Attorney General to prosecute a hate crime.
Current Status: 6/10/2021 - Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-341>

HCR6 DECLARE RACISM PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (HOWSE S, CRAWLEY E) To declare racism a public health crisis and to ask the governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio.
Current Status: 6/23/2021 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HCR-6>

SB48 CULTURAL COMPETENCY-HEALTH CARE (MAHARATH T, ANTONIO N) To require certain health care professionals to complete instruction in cultural competency.
Current Status: 6/16/2021 - Senate Health, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-48>

SB105 MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (SYKES V, SCHURING K) To require political subdivisions to recognize state certifications of minority business enterprises.
Current Status: 3/2/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 90 days
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-105>

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SB125 BIRTH EQUITY (KUNZE S, MAHARATH T) To enact the Save Our Mothers Act regarding birth equity, peripartum racial and ethnic disparities, and implicit bias in the health care system and to designate May as “Maternal Mortality Awareness Month.”
Current Status: 11/17/2021 - Senate Health, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-125>

SCR4 DECLARE RACISM PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS (CRAIG H, WILLIAMS S) To declare racism a public health crisis and to ask the Governor to establish a working group to promote racial equity in Ohio.
Current Status: 2/24/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SCR-4>

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