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What's Happening

State Representatives to Choose a New Speaker of the House

Ohio House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) has served as Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives since July 2020 following the removal of former Speaker Larry Householder who is still under federal indictment for potential violations of the RICO Act. However, Cupp will not return as Speaker in the 135th General Assembly due to term limits, as he was prohibited from seeking re-election to his Ohio House seat.

While it is unknown who the next Ohio House Speaker will be, at least four current Ohio House members have announced their candidacies to replace Cupp. Here is some background information on each of these four Speaker candidates.



Rep. Brian Baldridge (R-Winchester) is currently in his second term in the Ohio House and is running for the 90th House District which includes Adams and Scioto Counties. Baldridge chairs the Transportation and Public Safety Committee and is a member of the Finance Committee. Prior to joining the Ohio House, Baldridge served four terms as an Adams County Commissioner, two terms as a Wayne Township Trustee, and as a firefighter and paramedic with the Wayne Township Fire Department.



Rep. Derek Merrin (R-Monclova) is in his third term in the Ohio House and is running for the 42nd House District in Lucas County. Merrin is Chairman of the tax writing Ways and Means Committee and previously chaired the Health Committee. Prior to joining the Ohio House, Merrin served two years on the Waterville City Council and was elected Mayor of Waterville at 21 years old, becoming the youngest mayor in Ohio from 2008-2011.



Rep. Phil Plummer (R-Dayton) is in his second term in the Ohio House and is running for the 39th House District in Montgomery County. Plummer is Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. Prior to joining the Ohio House, Plummer served as Sheriff of Montgomery County, as well as other law enforcement positions such as SWAT Team Commander, Chief Deputy Sheriff, patrol deputy, and a corrections officer.



Rep. Jason Stephens (R-Kitts Hill) is in his first term in the Ohio House, following an appointment to fill the unexpired term of former Speaker and State Representative Ryan Smith. Stephens is running unopposed for the 93rd House District that encompasses Lawrence, Gallia, and Jackson Counties. Stephens is Chairman of the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and is also a member of the Finance Committee. Prior to joining the Ohio House, Stephens served as Lawrence County Auditor and Lawrence County Commissioner. He is also a licensed insurance agent and co-owner of an insurance company.

It is anticipated that the new Speaker will be known prior to the start of the next General Assembly, but the official vote will be held on the first day of House Session in January.

What's Happening?

DeWine Administration Announces EV Charging Infrastructure Grants

DriveOhio, a division of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), has begun accepting proposals from companies to apply for \$100 million in federal funding to install and operate electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in Ohio over the next five years.

Those companies applying for funding are required to align their proposals with Ohio's EV infrastructure deployment plan which mandates that charging stations support at least four direct current fast chargers with at least 150 kilowatts per port. As of now, Ohio only has 13 charging stations that meet this requirement and Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted would like Ohio to add 30 more EV charging station locations by 2025.

Ohio's EV infrastructure deployment plan, which was approved by the Federal Highway Administration last month, will focus on interstate corridors before expanding on to U.S. and state routes. According to Governor DeWine's office, remaining funds following the completion of installing charging stations on federally-required corridors will go toward state tourist attractions and freight corridors.

Ohio's EV infrastructure deployment will focus on interstate corridors before moving on to U.S. and state routes. Once charging stations on federally-required corridors are complete, the remaining funds will be used for charging along additional corridors, at state tourist attractions and freight corridors, according to the governor's office.

ODOT will accept proposal requests until Wednesday, Dec. 21. Proposal information and full guidelines can be found at drive.ohio.gov/nevi.

Bill Introduced in U.S. Senate to Prevent Frontover Child Deaths

Recently, U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-Connecticut) introduced the STOP Frontovers Act, which is intended to prevent child deaths due to frontover incidents. The bill has the support of auto and consumer safety organizations, including Kids and Car Safety, the Center for Auto Safety, Consumer Reports, and Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

This legislation would require all new vehicles to come equipped with cameras, sensors, or other technology to improve drivers' front visibility and perception of children, pets, and other objects that may be in front of their vehicle and avert crashes.

Investigative reporters have recently uncovered that many cars have blind zones of up to 16 feet where drivers cannot see objects in front of them below the front of the vehicle, putting children and pets at risk of being run over and experiencing serious injury or death.

Blumenthal's bill would require the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to issue a new Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) that requires vehicles be equipped with technology that enables drivers to detect and respond accordingly to objects in front of the vehicle to reduce death and injury resulting from frontovers.

While Congress mandated in 2008 that NHTSA issue a rule to establish rear visibility standards in response to backover accidents, no similar front visibility standards exist.

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Attorney General

The Ohio Supreme Court is weighing the potential stay of an appeals court decision that reversed a freeze of more than \$8 million in assets which the Ohio Attorney General's Office is seeking to recover from former Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Chairman Sam Randazzo. FirstEnergy has admitted to bribing Randazzo in connection with energy subsidy legislation, 133-HB6 (Callender-Wilkin). The Franklin County Common Pleas Court had granted Attorney General Dave Yost's request to attach millions of dollars of Randazzo's assets before he could shield them from litigation, but the 10th District reversed that order in September. Yost turned to the Ohio Supreme Court, asking justices to stay the 10th District decision to free up Randazzo's assets.

Automobile Industry

The Biden administration joined Gov. Mike DeWine and U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) in announcing a \$4.4 billion investment by Honda Motor Co. and LG Energy Solutions of Korea in a new Fayette County electric vehicle (EV) battery plant and another \$700,000 to convert Honda's three existing Ohio automotive factories to EV production by the end of 2026, creating over 2,500 projected new jobs.

Honda and LG Energy Solution's investment of over \$4 billion for electric vehicle production is expected to receive \$156.3 million in state incentives, including an estimated \$71.3 million in expanded Job Creation Tax Credits. Ohio Department of Development (DOD) Chief Communications Officer Todd Walker said the tax credit will be considered at an upcoming meeting of the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA). It is for 1.871 percent over 30 years and is performance-based. That will require fulfillment of job creation and payroll commitments as well as annual reports that verify progress. The project is expected to involve investment of at least \$4.2 billion and creation of over 2,500 jobs. DOD is also working with the General Assembly for state investment of \$85 million in local water and transportation infrastructure upgrades that ensure project success and benefit local communities.

The U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) announced it would award \$75 million to support an expansion plan that will upgrade Cirba Solutions' existing lithium-ion battery recycling facility to produce battery-grade raw materials. This is part of the first phase in a total of over \$7 billion for battery supply chains through the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure law. According to Cirba, the facility will be able to produce enough battery-grade critical minerals used in cathode production to power more than 200,000 new electric vehicles (EVs) annually. It will also create an estimated 150 new jobs in the Lancaster area and is slated to be one of the largest commercial-scale battery recycling facilities in North America.

Ohio businesses can now begin applying for \$100 million in federal funding for electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure, Gov. Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted announced. DriveOhio, a division of the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), has begun accepting proposals from companies to install and operate EV charging stations in Ohio. Funding proposals must align with Ohio's EV infrastructure deployment plan, which requires that charging stations support at least four direct current fast chargers with at least 150 kilowatts per port. Currently, Ohio has 13 charging stations that meet these requirements, and plans to add 30 more locations by 2025.

Business/Corporate

The Ohio State University (OSU) and the OSU Wexner Medical Center received the 2022 Governor's Inclusive Employer Award, with Lt. Gov. Jon Husted making the announcement during an event on OSU's campus. The Cleveland Clinic and Meijer were also recognized as "Ohio Inclusive Employers." According to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), this award recognizes OSU's and Wexner Medical Center's "commitment to individuals with disabilities in the workplace and being leaders of diversity and inclusion best practices in Ohio."

Calling it the start of a "10-year conversation," Ohio Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Steve Stivers joined other business leaders in releasing a "Blueprint for Ohio's Economic Future" that was prepared by the Ohio Chamber and Accenture. Stivers said Accenture reviewed data on economic competitiveness from many different sources and prepared

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policy recommendations for state leaders. “Ohio is not just competing with other states, we are competing in a global economy,” he said. “While there is much to be proud of regarding Ohio’s efforts to be business friendly, we must take steps now to lay the foundation for future growth in the years to come.”

Cities

With state agencies in the process of submitting their proposed budgets for the next biennium to the governor’s office, the Ohio Municipal League (OML) announced priorities that it said will ensure adequate funding of Ohio’s cities and villages while also providing for the health, safety and economic prosperity of millions of Ohioans. OML said it has shared its priorities with Gov. Mike DeWine’s office as well as Office of Budget and Management Director Kimberly Murnieks and the offices of House Speaker Bob Cupp (R-Lima) and Senate President Matt Huffman (R-Lima). “With Ohio currently being in a strong financial position, we have a great opportunity to continue strengthening the partnership between the state and its municipalities,” OML Board President and Troy City Director Patrick Titterington said. “The Ohio Municipal League’s priorities for the state operating budget cover a robust list of policy issues that are both helpful and essential to the infrastructure, programs and services provided through municipal government.” Restoration of the Local Government Fund continues to be a priority for OML.

Economic Development

U.S. Sens. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Rob Portman (R-OH) both announced that five community development entities in Ohio will receive \$230 million through the federal New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program, helping attract private investment for their work. The Ohio Community Development Fund in Columbus will receive \$60 million; three entities — the Dayton Region New Market Fund, Northeast Ohio Development Fund in Cleveland and Uptown Consortium in Cincinnati — will each receive \$45 million; and the Cleveland New Markets Investment Fund will receive \$35 million. Ohio groups previously received \$215 million in 2021, according to Brown’s office.

Economy

Moody’s Investors Service elevated Ohio’s credit outlook to “positive” and affirmed the state’s “Aa1” issuer rating, the DeWine administration announced recently. The announcement follows a similar move by Fitch Ratings, which upgraded Ohio’s rating to “AAA” from “AA+.” The Moody’s analysis cites evidence of new economic development that can diversify the state economy.

Education

The Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) said that over the course of National School Bus Safety Week — which runs from Oct. 17 through Oct. 21 — it increased enforcement efforts on school bus violations, such as passing a stopped school bus, school zone violations and other school bus or school zone-related activity. According to OSHP, National School Bus Safety Week is supported by the National Association for Pupil Transportation and serves as a reminder to motorists, students and school bus drivers of the important role they each have in ensuring children’s safety. This year’s theme, “1 Bus + 1 Driver = a BIG Impact on Education,” reminds motorists and students about the dangers that exist outside the school bus.

Calling it a “success story of collaboration,” the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the Ohio departments of transportation (ODOT) and education (ODE) announced a partnership that has created new reflectors for school buses to improve safety for students and motorists. Under the partnership, ODOT will produce new red and black reflective “STOP” decals for the back of school buses that will be put out to school districts for use on the nearly 20,000 school buses used to transport students in the state. Already, nine school districts in the state have participated in a pilot and reported their results to the state. All believed that the new reflective decals were more effective than the standard, non-reflective STOP decal currently displayed on the rear of school buses. Districts that participated in the pilot include Centerville City, Chagrin Falls Exempted Village, Columbus City, Dublin City, Green Local, Huber Heights City, Marysville Exempted Village, Massillon City and Union-Scioto Local schools.

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Six Ohio school districts are among nearly 400 across the U.S. to get support for alternative fuel buses under the federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Biden administration recently announced recipients of federal FY22 Clean School Bus Program rebates from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Ohio recipients and funding amounts include the following:

- » \$1,185,000 to Zenith Academy West in Columbus for three electric buses.
- » \$750,000 to Toledo Public Schools for 25 propane buses.
- » \$790,000 to Amanda-Clearcreek Local School in the village of Amanda for two electric buses.
- » \$1,580,000 to Madison-Plains Local Schools District in the city of London for four electric buses.
- » \$790,000 to Bradford Exempted Village School District in the village of Bradford for two electric buses.
- » \$790,000 to Eastern Local School District in the village of Beaver for two electric buses.

Energy/Utilities

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost says he's "pushing back" on plaintiff attorneys' proposal in the FirstEnergy class action case to pocket 33 percent of the proposed settlement. Plaintiffs' counsel is seeking U.S. District Judge Edmund Sargus's final approval of a \$49 million settlement with FirstEnergy on behalf of ratepayers, of which attorneys are requesting over \$16 million in legal fees. "The settlement table was set by my office and the U.S. Attorney; now these greedy attorneys are sitting down to dine," Yost said in a statement Wednesday afternoon. "FirstEnergy already shook down Ohio ratepayers. Let's not let plaintiff attorneys do the same."

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) Commissioner Daniel Conway sounded the alarm about rising energy prices that left many Ohioans with sticker shock this summer and are on track to more than double next year. Conway seized on this month's FirstEnergy commodity auction for its standard service offer (SSO) to issue an economic primer of sorts on the relationship between historic inflation, natural gas prices and electricity costs. He explained the delayed impact electric auctions have on retail prices many months later. Year-over-year, the FirstEnergy's wholesale cost spiked more than 143 percent to \$122.30 per megawatt hour (MWh) compared to \$50.21 in October 2021. Confirming the inflationary trend, Duke Energy Ohio's electric auction price rose more than 141 percent in late September to \$115.75 MWh compared to \$47.99 MWh in September 2021. PUCO staff had warned commissioners of "uncharted waters" for energy futures earlier this year.

The Office of Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) continues to push for documents and testimony on June 2022 outages affecting tens of thousands of American Electric Power (AEP) of Ohio customers in the capital area. AEP says OCC is merely seeking to conduct its own investigation into potential causes three months after the consumers' counsel asked the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) to do so. OCC is redoubling its argument for discovery and depositions from AEP officials stemming from June 14-15 blackouts, which the company has attributed to heat-related consumption and forced outages to prevent a worse problem.

Residential consumers of Columbia Gas of Ohio would pay 95 percent of the \$68.2 million proposed rate hike agreed to by the Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) and Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) while saving another \$143.8 million in increased charges waived by the company under a settlement with Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) staff. The settlement had been scheduled for a hearing and still requires commission approval but boasts a large group of signatories including Industrial Energy Users (IEU) Ohio, Ohio Schools Council (OSC), Interstate Gas Supply (IGS), Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC), Retail Energy Supply Association (RESA) and The Kroger Co., as well as OCC and OMA Energy Group. Columbia, which serves 1.4 million consumers in 60 Ohio counties, will forgo \$102 million plus interest it had hoped to charge regular customers as of Jan. 1, 2023 for demand-side management (DSM), along with another \$10 million in so-called "shared savings." Low-income customers will be assisted by \$15 million collected from all ratepayers — unchanged from 2022 — "meaning there will be no inflationary increases or other increases in what consumers are charged for WarmChoice," PUCO said.

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Environment

The Greater Ohio Policy Center (GOPC) recently released a white paper on "[The Benefit of Brownfields](#)" analyzing the Ohio Department of Development's (DOD) awarding of \$252 million during the first round of the Brownfield Remediation Fund. GOPC is also calling for another \$500 million in remediation funding through the next state operating budget. The paper found that 72 percent of the total \$350 million was awarded during the first round, with funds going to 58 counties for 115 clean-up projects and 74 assessments.

Fifty-three public water systems will receive approximately \$2.4 million to take the first step toward removing and replacing lead water pipes, Gov. Mike DeWine and Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Director Laurie Stevenson announced. The 53 lead pipe mapping projects will take place in communities in 37 counties. All applicants are receiving their full funding request of up to \$50,000.

Federal

Approximately 70 million Americans will receive an 8.7 percent increase in Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in 2023, the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA) announced. On average, Social Security benefits will increase by more than \$140 per month starting in January, according to the agency. The 8.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits payable to more than 65 million Social Security beneficiaries in January 2023. Increased payments to more than 7 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on Dec. 30, 2022. Some people receive both Social Security and SSI benefits. The Social Security Act ties the annual COLA to the increase in the Consumer Price Index as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor's (DOL) Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Higher Education

The Ohio Association of Community Colleges (OACC) this week began a new collaboration among its members to fine-tune their training programs so they can teach the exact skills the semiconductor and tech industry looks for in job candidates. The announcement comes as Intel has broken ground on a multibillion-dollar semiconductor plant in Licking County. OACC said its Ohio Semiconductor Collaboration Network Steering Committee leverages the know-how of all 23 community colleges to develop career pathways that will provide the skills training and talent needs of the semiconductor industry in Ohio.

Housing/Homelessness/Urban Revitalization

The Ohio Department of Development (DOD) announced it would distribute \$20 million in funds to 28 communities, improving affordable housing and providing homeownership and rental assistance for low- and moderate-income families. The Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) program partners with communities to preserve and improve Ohio's affordable housing stock through a variety of housing-related initiatives that include home renovation and repair as well as rental assistance." This funding will support the ongoing work of local communities to strengthen their neighborhoods and give residents access to a variety of housing options." Lt. Gov. Jon Husted added that as communities increase their workforce, housing and homeownership need to increase as well.

The DeWine administration announced grant awards for the redevelopment of several hundred dilapidated properties in 30 counties. In total, \$37.2 million is being distributed to county land reutilization corporations for 825 projects through the Ohio Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program, a creation of HB110 (Oelslager) administered by the Ohio Department of Development (DOD). DOD initially awarded funding up to \$500,000 for 87 counties this summer, and an additional \$22.6 million is being awarded to counties that requested more.

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Intel

The Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) approved assistance for Honda's electric vehicle (EV) project and two other projects, while also updating the percentage rate for Intel's assistance from 3.101 percent to 3.99 percent. The term for Intel's assistance remains 30 years, and the estimated value has increased from \$475 million to \$557.8 million, according to the Ohio Department of Development (DOD). The plan to update the rate had been announced by DOD after the September TCA meeting when the lower rate had been incorrectly approved.

Local Government

The Department of Development (DOD) awarded more than \$10.6 million for Neighborhood Revitalization and Critical Infrastructure grants to 20 Ohio communities. These grants will assist communities with neighborhood improvement projects designed to improve the health, safety, and general welfare of residents. Five communities will receive grants for Neighborhood Revitalization totaling \$3.69 million. Eligible activities include public facility improvements, such as construction, reconstruction, or rehabilitation of infrastructure, fire protection facilities and community centers in low- to moderate-income target areas.

Public Safety

Over a third of \$22.6 million in new Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) awards are slated for the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP). OTSO is providing roughly 180 grants to more than 140 state and local law enforcement agencies in 68 counties to reduce vehicle crashes and traffic fatalities due to impaired driving, unused seat belts, distracted driving, youthful driving, and motorcycling. Funding includes 10 separate awards to OSHP and two to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the state's second biggest traffic safety grantee with \$816,243.

Throughout the month of November, the OSHP is conducting an online survey to identify traffic safety concerns and obtain feedback about interactions with the agency. The 2022 Public Survey is anonymous and takes approximately five minutes to complete. The survey is designed to be used as a platform for organizational learning, asking specific questions related to traffic safety issues and previous interactions with OSHP employees. The survey is created in accordance with standards of the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). OSHP is committed to providing professional law enforcement services focused on deterring crime and promoting traffic safety to improve the quality of life for the citizens and visitors of Ohio. To do that, they encourage the public to [take their survey](#).

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) announced \$280,000 in federal funding Thursday for law enforcement training to identify impaired drivers and investigate traffic collisions. Traffic Safety and Impaired Driving Training Grants will reimburse tuition for Ohio law enforcement officers attending the following OPOTA courses such as Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor and Advanced Traffic Collision Investigation.

Technology/Aerospace

While Advanced Drainage Systems' (ADS) new engineering and technology center will bring 200 new jobs and \$20 million in added payroll to Hilliard, Lt. Gov. Jon Husted and other speakers at a groundbreaking ceremony also stressed environmental benefits of its stormwater management products and use of recycled plastic in manufacturing. The center is scheduled to open in late 2023. Husted said the ADS center will require more engineering and STEM talent, specifically chemical engineers and computer science professionals to run modeling and research.

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Transportation/Infrastructure

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released its FY23 apportionments for 12 formula programs receiving funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). According to U.S. Reps. Marcy Kaptur (D-Toledo) and Tim Ryan (D-Niles), Ohio is set to get about \$2 billion in funding from the bill, citing data from FHWA. The legislators said Ohio will have flexibility in determining how the federal funding will be deployed. The funding will be broken down as follows:

- » National Highway Performance Program: \$970,046,325
- » Surface Transportation Block Grant: \$471,914,429
- » Highway Safety Improvement Program: \$100,590,011
- » Railway-Highway Crossings Program: \$9,406,315
- » Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Program: \$106,421,845
- » Metropolitan Planning: \$15,587,504
- » National Highway Freight Program: \$47,416,042
- » Carbon Reduction Program: \$42,079,036
- » PROTECT Formula Program: \$47,846,880
- » National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program: \$29,844,883
- » Appalachian Development Highway System: \$19,369,573
- » Bridge Formula Program: \$104,290,441

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>

HB123 COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREAS (FRAIZER M, CROSS J) To modify the law governing community reinvestment areas and the terms under which property may be exempted in such areas.

Current Status: 4/5/2022 - Senate Ways and Means, (Fifth Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-123>

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>

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>

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>



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- 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: 5/25/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Energy and Public Utilities
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-364>
- 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: 6/28/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 6/28/22
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: 4/6/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 7/21/22; Appropriations Effective 4/20/22
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-397>
- 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: 5/25/2022 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government and Elections
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: 6/24/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/23/22
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-430>

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- 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: 5/10/2022 - House State and Local Government, (Third 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>
- HB544** INVESTMENT FUNDS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (GRENDELL 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: 5/26/2022 - House Families, Aging and Human Services, (Second Hearing)
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: 5/10/2022 - REPORTED OUT, House State and Local Government, (Fourth 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: 5/10/2022 - House State and Local Government, (First Hearing)
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: 5/25/2022 - REPORTED OUT, House Armed Services and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-581>
- HB644** PACE LOANS (CUTRONA A, ROEMER B) Regarding residential property assessed clean energy (PACE) loans.
Current Status: 11/15/2022 - House Civil Justice, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-646>
- HB658** PUBLIC RECORDS VIOLATIONS (INGRAM C) To require the award of attorney's fees to an aggrieved person if a court of appeals determines in an appeal by a public office from a Court of Claims order that the public office denied the person access to public records in violation of the Public Records Law.
Current Status: 5/17/2022 - Referred to Committee House Civil Justice
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-658>



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- HB677** TAX TRANSPARENCY ACT (YOUNG T) To require local governments to provide certain information to residents regarding proposed property and income tax levies and to name this act the Tax Transparency Act.
Current Status: 5/24/2022 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-677>
- HB688** COVID LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY (LIPPS S) Regarding coronavirus local fiscal recovery and prescription digital therapeutics, and to make appropriations.
Current Status: 5/31/2022 - Referred to Committee House Health
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-688>
- HB698** EMINENT DOMAIN (KICK D, CREECH R) To amend the law regarding eminent domain.
Current Status: 6/7/2022 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-698>
- HB726** PROPERTY TAX FREEZE AUTHORIZATION (PATTON T) To allow certain counties to authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes.
Current Status: 10/3/2022 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-726>
- HB733** ESTABLISH SCHOOL FACILITIES PROGRAMS (EDWARDS J, WILKIN S) To establish the Accelerated Appalachian School Building Assistance Program, the Classroom Facilities Re-Entry Program, and the Capital Improvement and Replacement Program, and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 10/20/2022 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-733>
- HB734** BIOSOLID LAGOONS, BIODIGESTION FACILITIES (MILLER K, LAMPTON B) To establish procedures and requirements governing biosolid lagoons and biodigestion facilities, including granting county and township zoning authority over those lagoons and facilities, and to modify the CAUV eligibility requirements for certain land used to produce biofuels.
Current Status: 10/20/2022 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-734>
- HJR4** CA: LOCAL ELECTIONS (EDWARDS J, SEITZ B) Proposing to amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit local governments from allowing persons who lack the qualifications of an elector to vote in local elections.
Current Status: 6/1/2022 - ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 32-0
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HJR-4>
- 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: 6/14/2022 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 9/13/2022
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>

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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: 5/17/2022 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-193>

SB349 LAND BANKS-PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX (SCHURING K) To allow local governments to levy a real property transfer tax for the benefit of a land bank.

Current Status: 6/1/2022 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-349>

SJR6 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE-ELECTOR REQUIREMENTS (BLESSING III L) Proposing to amend Section 1 of Article V, Section 3 of Article X, and Section 3 of Article XVIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit local governments from allowing persons who lack the qualifications of an elector to vote in local elections.

Current Status: 5/24/2022 - Senate Local Government and Elections, (Second Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SJR-6>

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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: 5/19/2022 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Government Oversight, (Second 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: 5/24/2022 - Senate Local Government and Elections, (First Hearing)
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: 11/15/2022 - House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing)

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-626>

HB740 PROHIBIT HOONING (MILLER K, PLUMMER P) To prohibit hooning and being a spectator at a hooning event.

Current Status: 11/1/2022 - Introduced

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-HB-740>

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: 6/1/2022 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Fourth 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: 5/17/2022 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (Third 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. 7/21/2022; Appropriations Effective 4/20/22

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>

HB381 ELECTRIC CHARGES - OTHER STRUCTURES (GRENDELL 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>

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>

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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: 5/10/2022 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)

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. Sobecki 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>

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>

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>

Legislative Updates

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: 5/24/2022 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Transportation and Public Safety, (Fourth 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>

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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. 6/1/2022

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SB-105>

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>

SCR5 DENOUNCE RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION-COVID-19 (MAHARATH T, THOMAS C) To denounce all forms of stigmatization, racism, and discrimination occurring as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Current Status: 3/24/2021 - Referred to Committee Senate Health

State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA134-SCR-5>

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