



# Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission

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## TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
<p><b>Promote Energy Efficiency and an Abundant Supply of Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Sources of Energy for our Growing Region.</b></p>	<p>In response to a report of the state’s Energy Mandates Study Committee, MORPC, took the following positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» MORPC opposes the indefinite freeze of the Ohio energy mandates.</li> <li>» MORPC supports a combination of incentives and mandates to help achieve the goals of increased energy efficiency and renewable energy for diversity in our energy mix, along with determining the best approach for maximizing the credit of advanced energy projects.</li> </ul> <p>These positions are being communicated to the Ohio General Assembly as applied to Senate Bill 320, Ohio Republican Senator Bill Seitz’s response to the Energy Mandate Study Committee and the recently introduced House Bill 554. MORPC has been included in interested parties meetings on this subject.</p>
<p><b>Seek Federal Funding for Regional Projects</b></p>	<p>The U.S. Department of Transportation recently selected 18 projects totaling \$759.2 million dollars for the FASTLANE program, but the expansion of a portion of Alum Creek Drive in Franklin County and the Intermodal Gateway Project in Marion were not selected. The department received a total of 212 applications.</p> <p>The projects being selected for the latest round of TIGER grants have yet to be announced. Local projects that applied for funding included the Columbus Regional Airport Authority’s and Norfolk Southern’s partnership on an expansion of Rickenbacker, as well as the Intermodal Gateway Project in Marion.</p> <p>The Northwest 33 Innovation Corridor (Union County, City of Marysville and City of Dublin) applied for the Advanced Congestion Management Technologies Deployment Grant through FHWA. The program was established through the FAST Act to make competitive grants for the development of model deployment sites for large scale installation and operation of advanced transportation technologies to improve safety, efficiency, system performance, and infrastructure return on investment. The request is for \$6 million of a \$13.5 million project.</p> <p>MORPC applied for the Federal Transit Administration’s Mobility on Demand (MOD) Sandbox demonstration grant. The program is part of the larger MOD research effort at FTA and the U.S. Department of Transportation to provide a venue through which integrated MOD concepts and solutions – supported through local partnerships – are demonstrated and measured in real-world settings. The funding would largely be used to update the ridesharing software MORPC uses in conjunction with other cities around the state.</p>



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<b>Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource on Transportation Issues</b>	<p>The City of Columbus was selected as the first Smart City by the U.S. Department of Transportation. A total of 78 cities submitted applications. The other finalists were: Austin, Texas; Denver, Colorado; Kansas City, Missouri; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Portland, Oregon; and San Francisco, California.</p> <p>MORPC worked with the City of Columbus to help prepare its proposal which was submitted last month. Additional key partners in the Columbus grant application include The Ohio State University and Battelle.</p> <p>This week, MORPC Executive Director William Murdock attended a meeting in Washington with U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx. The meeting was geared toward empowering Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).</p>
<b>Work with Regional Partners to Identify Significant Projects and Grant Opportunities to Benefit the Region</b>	<p>SB 310, a \$2.6 billion capital appropriations proposal, has been signed by the governor. Highlights include \$650 million for local school construction, repairs and renovation; \$484 million for higher education institutions; \$500 million for infrastructure; \$275 million for parks and natural resources; \$100 million for health and human service programs; \$160 million for community projects; and \$100 million of funding for the Clean Ohio fund.</p>

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### *Potential Budget Shortfall*

Ohio is facing a revenue shortage when it begins work on the next biennial budget because the federal government is putting an end to the state’s application of the sales tax (state and local) to Medicaid managed care organizations. The tax has allowed the state to bring in hundreds of millions of dollars per year in federal matching dollars, while also allowing counties and transit authorities to benefit through their piggyback sales taxes.

Counties and transit authorities, including COTA, stand to lose about \$400 million over the next two-year budget. Tim Keen, the state budget director, said the administration is considering a variety of options to deal with the funding shortage, which could eat up half of the state’s projected tax revenue growth. He also stressed that he is aware that counties and transit services also will take a hit that needs to be addressed. Kasich will roll out the new two-year budget on January 31.



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### ***Federal: Congress***

With party conventions and a seven-week summer recess looming, Congress has a busy agenda of appropriations spending bills and possible action to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) this week.

The House is expected to consider a 14-month FAA extension (HR 636). In related aviation action, FAA issued rules last week recognizing the local role in regulating drones in their community. A provision to override local decision making was included in an earlier version of the FAA authorization bill. The House will consider funding under the Interior-Environment Appropriations bill (HR 5538). Controversial amendments are anticipated.

The Senate will resume debate on Defense Appropriations (HR 5293). Lawmakers could take up the FAA authorization bill and legislation to fight opioid addiction, which passed the House last week. Senators may also vote for a conference committee to reconcile House and Senate versions of a comprehensive energy reform bill, the first in a decade. The Senate passed a comprehensive energy bill (S 2012) in the spring that included building and weatherization programs, while the House passed a more limited bill. Senate proponents have been reluctant to agree to a conference with the House. An agreement to begin discussions would allow them to continue work during the lengthy summer recess.

The \$58 billion FY2017 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) bill passed through the Appropriations Committee. The bill includes a controversial rider regarding trucker rest time that could come up during floor debate. House appropriators also released a draft committee report this week about the growing traffic loads on the nation's aging rail bridges. The report explains the \$500,000 allotment for nationwide bridge inventory and outlines findings from other reports that show deficiencies related to Federal Railroad Administration bridge safety oversight.

### ***Drones***

The U.S. Department of Transportation's (USDOT) Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has finalized its rules for commercial use of small unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), also known as drones.

### ***House Bill Would Delay Ozone Standard Implementation***

The House Energy and Commerce Committee advanced a controversial bill that would delay implementation of the Administration's latest ozone air quality standards. The bill would delay the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone from 2017 until 2025 in addition to changing the timeline for future EPA reviews from every five years to every ten years. Supporters of the Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016 argue that states need more time and flexibility to implement 2008 standards before complying with new ones.

### ***Water Resources Development Act Passes Committee***

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee approved the \$5 billion Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). The bill authorizes 28 Army Corps of Engineers water infrastructure priorities and includes reforms that allow for greater local participation in project selection. The Senate passed its \$9.4 billion version of WRDA last month.

### ***TA Set-Aside Implementation Guidance Released***

The FAST Act replaced the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) with a set-aside under the Surface Transportation Block Grant Program, which will be referred to as the Transportation Alternatives (TA) Set-Aside. FHWA recently released guidance on funding, eligible activities, and requirements of this newly named program, which includes all projects and activities that were previously eligible under TAP.



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### ***FASTLANE Grant Applications Totaling Nearly \$9.8 Billion***

USDOT announced that it received 212 applications requesting almost \$9.8 billion through the new Fostering Advancements in Shipping and Transportation for the Long-term Achievement of National Efficiencies (FASTLANE) grant program. The program is for critical freight and highway projects across the country. The applications requested total more than thirteen times the amount of funding than is available. Local projects that submitted applications for funding included an expansion of a portion of Alum Creek Drive in Franklin County and the Intermodal Gateway Project in Marion.

### ***State: Aging***

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) observed, Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Ohio. Both agencies encouraged Ohioans to learn the signs of elder abuse and to know what to do if there is suspected abuse, neglect or exploitation.

In recognition of Elder Abuse Awareness Day, Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine announced a \$738,000 grant to support a statewide project of Pro Seniors and Ohio's legal aids to provide free legal assistance to older Ohioans. The funding will support a telephone-based legal hotline and direct civil legal guidance and assistance to Ohioans age 60 and older.

### ***FY16-17 Budget***

According to preliminary figures released by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), with one month to go in Fiscal Year (FY) 2016, the state is running over a half billion dollars under estimates for revenue through May. Specifically, a total of \$19.7 billion has been collected so far this fiscal year compared to the \$20.2 billion that had been anticipated. The shortfall totals \$503.3 million or 2.5 percent. Of that, nearly \$386.2 million is attributable to May alone — a shortfall of 16.8 percent from the amount that had been estimated to be collected; the bulk of that amount can be attributed to uncollected domestic insurance revenues of \$246.8 million or 98 percent of the amount expected. However, according to OBM spokesman John Charlton, that shortfall, as well as the nearly \$65.8 million or 42.8 percent May shortfall in the cigarette and other tobacco taxes can be attributed to a timing issue, which means the revenue will show up in the June numbers.

According to preliminary figures released by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM), the state ended Fiscal Year 2016 with revenues falling just 1 percent below estimates: a total of \$21.8 billion came in compared to the \$22.0 billion that had been predicted for a difference of \$213.9 million. Estimated spending, however, was below estimates for FY16 by about \$1.2 billion according to the OBM figures, with Medicaid accounting for nearly \$925.9 million of that amount.

### ***Economic Development***

JobsOhio rolled out what President and Chief Investment Officer John Minor described as the final piece of the nonprofit agency's economic development strategy. Minor and senior staff told the governor's Executive Workforce Board that JobsOhio is launching a new "talent acquisition" program to ensure its expansion and relocation projects have the trained and educated workforce they need.

### ***Elections 2016***

Businessman Warren Davidson took more than three-quarters of the vote in a special election to serve out the remainder of former U.S. House Speaker John Boehner's term.



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U.S. District Court Judge Michael Watson stayed his order to restore “Golden Week,” the overlap period between the end of voter registration and the beginning of early voting that allowed some voters to register and cast an absentee ballot at the same time, but only for the upcoming special election on Aug. 2 and not for the Nov. 8 general election. Watson ruled that 130-SB238 (LaRose), which eliminated “Golden Week,” was unconstitutional and violated federal law because it disproportionately affects African American voters who are more likely to cast a ballot during that week.

The race for the 16th Senate District, currently held by term-limited Sen. Jim Hughes (R-Columbus), is expected to receive a new Democratic challenger for the November election. The Franklin County Democratic Party will vote to replace Larry Malone Jr., current Democratic candidate for the 16th Senate District from Hilliard, with Cathy Johnson, board of education president for South-Western City School District. Johnson would face Rep. Stephanie Kunze (R-Hilliard) for the seat.

The Ohio House Republican Organizational Committee (OHROC) announced that Grove City Councilwoman Laura Lanese has been selected by the Franklin County Republican Party as the Republican candidate in the 23rd Ohio House District race, replacing her husband, Mike Lanese.

The race for Ohio’s U.S. Senate seat remains a dead heat, with the latest Quinnipiac University poll showing Democrat Ted Strickland and incumbent U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-OH) tied at 40 percent.

Although proposals involving legislator ethics, clean energy, prices for state drug purchases, and marijuana began the ballot initiative process in the last year, Ohio voters will likely have a blank slate when it comes to statewide issues in November.

#### ***Environment***

Gov. John Kasich’s signing of mid-biennium review (MBR) legislation addressing lead contamination put local water systems on the clock to find lead and copper in their structures. HB512 (Ginter) not only requires water systems to notify homeowners and the public more quickly when testing for contamination from the elements but also requires — not later than six months after the effective date of the bill — community water systems to identify and map areas of the system that are known or are likely to contain lead service lines.

The Ohio Farm Bureau Federation (OFBF) said it is providing \$200,000 for county farm bureau-led projects that help improve water quality in local communities.

More than 18 million Americans got their drinking water from systems with lead violations in 2015, according to a Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) report. Ohio ranks 11th for the number of people served with lead and copper violations, report author Kristi Pullen Fedinick told Hannah News. She said Ohio was 25th for population served with action level exceedances above 15 parts per billion (ppb).

#### ***Employment/Unemployment***

The national unemployment rate dropped to 4.7 percent, according to the latest report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), but the nation added only 38,000 jobs during the month of May. The main cause of the unemployment rate’s drop was the drop in the people in the labor force.

Ohio added 9,200 jobs in May and the state’s unemployment was 5.1 percent, down from 5.2 percent in April, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) said.



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### *Energy*

A new rule revising the content and substance of certificate applications for electric generation facilities, including wind farms, cleared the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). The Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) rule addressed new wind turbine setback requirements set in 130-HB483 (Amstutz) and certification information to be considered for “economically significant” wind farms as required by 127-HB562 (Hottinger).

The PUCO Nominating Council submitted four names to Gov. John Kasich for consideration as appointees to the vacant seat of former PUCO Chairman Andre Porter: Sam Gerhardstein of Marysville, recently retired director of government affairs, Columbia Gas of Ohio, and spouse of Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville); Rep. Dave Hall (R-Millersburg), former chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Howard Petricoff of Columbus, a two-time applicant and former partner and energy counsel at Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease; and Gregory Williams of Westerville, deputy director and state equal employment opportunity coordinator at the Ohio Department of Administrative Services (DAS).

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina), citing some senators’ concerns with Gov. John Kasich’s selection of Democrat M. Howard Petricoff to fill the vacancy on the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO), wasted little time before calling for hearings on the appointment in the Senate Public Utilities Committee.

According to the announcement from Kasich’s office regarding the Petricoff appointment to the PUCO, the term begins Thursday, June 23, and runs until April 10, 2020, pending approval of the Ohio Senate. He recently retired after more than 30 years with the Columbus office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP.

### *General Assembly/Statehouse*

Rep. Tim Brown (R-Bowling Green) will be resigning from the Ohio House to become president of the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) announced. Brown, who is in his second term, chairs the House Government Accountability and Oversight Committee. He also is vice chair of the joint Sunset Review Committee.

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) has set a session date for Tuesday, Aug. 2, breaking from the Legislature’s summer recess to take care of some administrative work. According to the clerk’s office, the session will include filling vacancies for the 3rd and 47th House districts after Reps. Barbara Sears (R-Maumee) and Tim Brown (R-Bowling Green) resigned their seats effective Friday, July 1, and Sunday, July 17, respectively. The House will also consider condolence resolutions honoring former members who recently died.

### *Governor Signs the Following Bills*

**SB63 (LaRose)** creates an online voter registration system, requires the secretary of state annually to review the Statewide Voter Registration Database to identify registrants who are not United States citizens, modifies the procedures for maintaining the Statewide Voter Registration Database, amends the requirements for the certification of voting equipment, and clarifies the circumstances under which a political party may appoint a person to fill a vacancy in certain elective offices.

**HB182 (Schuring)** revises the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones; exempts from property taxation real property owned by a nonprofit organization selected by the Federal Small Business Administration as an intermediary lender in the Federal Microloan Program; lowers the contribution threshold necessary to maintain an income tax refund contribution “check-off” option; extends the



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deadline for municipal corporations to report information to enable a computation of fiscal effects of recent changes to net operating loss deductions for municipal income tax purposes; and modifies eligible investment criteria for the state New Markets Tax Credit.

**HB5 (Kunze-Koehler)** allows the auditor of state to conduct feasibility studies regarding the efficiency of local public offices and state agencies, authorizes the auditor of state to establish a shared equipment service agreement program among state agencies and political subdivisions, and specifies that a state agency or political subdivision that uses the loaned equipment may assume potential liability for its use.

In addition to signing medical marijuana bill HB523 (Huffman) this week, Gov. John Kasich also signed the following legislation into law:

**HB166 (Green)** extends the deadline for filing an application for the homestead exemption or 2.5 percent property tax rollback to the end of the tax year; requires that auditors certify Local Government Fund allocations to subdivisions by regular or electronic mail, rather than certified; requires that notices of appeal from a decision of the Board of Tax Appeals originating with a county board of revision be filed with that board and the county auditor; clarifies the effect of certain certifications related to the repealed personal property tax; and repeals laws requiring county auditors to issue permits for traveling shows, issue licenses for new merchandise public auctions, and certify the annual state tax interest rate to local courts.

**HB359 (Duffey-Gonzales)** creates an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery and allows wireless service account transfer in a domestic violence situation.

**HB390 (Schaffer-Retherford)**, part of the mid-biennium review, includes \$5 million for the Alternative Fuel Vehicle Conversion Program through the Ohio EPA.

**HB512 (Ginter)** establishes requirements governing lead and copper testing for community and non-transient non-community water systems; revises the law governing lead contamination from plumbing fixtures; and revises the laws governing the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund, the Drinking Water Assistance Fund, and the Ohio Water Development Authority.

**HB413 (Brinkman)** adds to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, permits a township to charge for recycling services, reduces the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, authorizes a township to purchase, lease or provide underwater rescue and recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, authorizes boards of township trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, expands the cemetery purposes for which such boards may levy a tax or expend township funds, makes other changes to the township laws or laws relating to township authority, allows taxing units to use the proceeds of a fire, police or emergency services tax levy to pay costs related to the service for which the tax is levied, removes the limitations on the authority to reappoint members of the Ohio Small Government Capital Improvements Commission, authorizes boards of township trustees and boards of park commissioners to expend funds for the public purpose of presenting community events in their parks and other recreational facilities, and expands the public infrastructure improvements townships, municipal corporations, and counties may pay for using money from their public improvement tax increment equivalent funds.



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### *Health + Human Services*

Dozens of projects in several of Ohio's most populous counties will share in about \$21 million of infant mortality funding from Ohio Medicaid. The agency is working with its five managed care companies and community coalitions in several populous counties for targeted infant mortality prevention efforts. This week's awards go to eight of nine targeted counties: Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery and Stark. The ninth, Summit County, received funding in March.

### *Housing*

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) Board announced the recipients of the 2016 Housing Tax Credit (HTC) program awards used to fund the construction, acquisition and rehabilitation of affordable housing communities in Ohio. Nearly \$31.7 million in federal housing tax credits was awarded to 41 developments that will serve families, seniors and individuals with disabilities in rural, suburban and urban areas. Selected developers claim tax credits over a 10-year period to help offset the costs associated with construction or rehabilitation of a development. In exchange for the credits, owners must maintain rents that are affordable and limit occupancy to residents with low-to moderate- incomes for up to 30 years.

### *Local Government*

The Ohio Supreme Court will hear a second appeal defending municipal traffic cameras in which the city of Springfield claims a new state restriction on their use is not a constitutional limitation on police powers but rather an unconstitutional attack on a city's right to self-government. The Court accepted *Springfield v. State* last week over the objections of the Ohio Attorney General's Office, which says Springfield's claims, like the city of Dayton's, "rest on exaggerated conceptions of its home rule authority and distorted views of 130-SB342 (Seitz)."

### *Marijuana*

Patients in the Buckeye State will soon be able to legally access marijuana to treat various medical conditions. Gov. John Kasich signed HB523 (Huffman), making Ohio the 25th state to legalize medical marijuana. The legislation goes into effect 90 days from the signing date, meaning it will officially become law on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

An Ohio Supreme Court panel will issue an advisory opinion on the legal profession's engagement with medical marijuana in view of HB523's (Huffman) recent passage at the state level and a continuing ban on marijuana use — medical or otherwise — at the federal level. The Board of Professional Conduct, which handles complaints against all members of the bar, including judges, prosecutors and other public servants, will issue the nonbinding advisory opinion following a public comment period.

### *Municipal Law*

The Ohio Attorney General issued the following opinion: Article XVIII, Section 3, of the Ohio Constitution does not grant a city authority to adopt an ordinance that sets the minimum wage paid by employers within the city's boundaries at a rate that exceeds and conflicts with the statewide hourly minimum wage rate enacted by the General Assembly in R.C. 4111.02 pursuant to its authority under Article II, Sections 34 and 34a of the Ohio Constitution.



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### ***Nonprofits***

A public official cannot serve as a director of a nonprofit that is “dependent” on financial assistance from the official’s agency, the Ohio Ethics Commission said in an opinion. The commission was asked if a council member of a city that provides financial support to a nonprofit corporation could be employed as the corporation’s director. The commission said that it would vary on whether that nonprofit was dependent on the agency’s financial assistance, or if the public official would otherwise profit from the award of that contract.

### ***People***

Kristen Easterday, formerly vice president for government relations for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, joined the Columbus Regional Airport Authority as director of government affairs.

Holly Nagle, currently manager of public affairs at the Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, will replace Easterday as vice president of government relations at the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

### ***Public Safety***

Participants at the attorney general’s high-speed pursuit task force weighed the pros and cons of police chases that can threaten innocent bystanders but also result in the apprehension of dangerous criminals. In its third meeting, the AG’s Working Group on Law Enforcement Vehicular Pursuits got hands-on exposure to the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy’s (OPOTA) high-speed simulator, which demonstrated that officer decision-making in initiating and conducting pursuits may warrant careful review.

All 190 deputy registrar sites of the Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) began accepting credits cards this week. Consumers using credit cards will be charged \$1.25 or 1.95 percent, whichever is greater.

### ***Transportation***

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has released a new mobile application to help drivers avoid traffic tie-ups by using OHGO for personal traffic alerts, information on road construction and travel delays, and hands-free voice on the go. The app is available at the App Store and Google Play.

### ***Unions/Non-Union Issues***

A second “right to work” bill was introduced by Rep. John Becker (R-Cincinnati), with the provisions extending to public sector employees. The bill, HB583 (Becker), will give public employees the chance to opt out of union representation, and allow non-union employees to voluntarily make financial contributions to a union. The sponsor said the provisions would give unions an added revenue source, and would free them of the responsibility of representing non-union employees.



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB5** PUBLIC OFFICE-STATE AGENCY EFFICIENCY STUDIES (KUNZE S, KOEHLER K) To allow the Auditor of State to conduct business case studies regarding the efficiency of local public offices and state agencies, to authorize the Auditor of State to establish a shared equipment service agreement program among political subdivisions, and to specify that a political subdivision that uses the loaned equipment has potential liability for its use under the Political Subdivision Tort Liability Law.  
*Current Status:* 6/14/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/24/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 94-3  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-5>
- HB12** TIF-INCENTIVE DISTRICTS (BUTLER, JR. J, BURKLEY T) To establish a procedure by which political subdivisions proposing a tax increment financing (TIF) incentive district are required to provide notice to the record owner of each parcel within the proposed incentive district before creating the district, and to permit such owners, under specific conditions, to exclude their parcels from the incentive district by submitting a written response.  
*Current Status:* 5/25/2016 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 71-26  
*Recent Status:* 5/25/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 5/24/2016 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-12>
- HB13** POLICE-FIRE LEVY REVENUE (BUTLER, JR. J, BURKLEY T) To require reimbursement of police and fire levy revenue foregone because of the creation of a tax increment financing incentive district.  
*Current Status:* 3/17/2015 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 1/28/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means; 1/28/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-13>
- HB32** AIRCRAFT-MOTOR FUEL EXCISE TAX (PERALES R) To subject the receipt of motor fuel used to operate aircraft to the motor fuel excise taxes rather than the sales and use taxes and to require a percentage of motor fuel excise tax revenue to be used for airport improvements.  
*Current Status:* 2/10/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
*Recent Status:* 2/3/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-32>
- HB37** BEER-LIQUOR MARKET PERMIT (STINZIANO M, DUFFEY M) To allow a person to possess beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises of a market if the beer or intoxicating liquor has been purchased from a D liquor permit holder that is located in the market.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 5/27/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/18/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 88-9  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-37>
- HB42** LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (GERBERRY R, CERA J) To require that, for fiscal year 2016 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Local Government Fund must receive the same proportion of state tax revenue that the Fund received in fiscal year 2005.  
*Current Status:* 2/11/2015 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
*Recent Status:* 2/10/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-42>



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- HB46** GOVERNMENT EXPENDITURE DATABASE (DOVILLA M, DEVER J) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database.  
*Current Status:* 3/18/2015 - REPORTED OUT, House State Government, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/4/2015 - House State Government, (Second Hearing); 2/25/2015 - House State Government, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-46>
- HB47** REFRESHMENT AREAS-OPEN CONTAINER EXEMPTION (BLESSING III L, DRIEHAUS D) To allow municipal corporations and townships with a population of more than 25,000 to create outdoor refreshment areas, to exempt persons within such an area from the open container law, and to declare an emergency.  
*Current Status:* 4/30/2015 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 4/30/2015  
*Recent Status:* 4/29/2015 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 4/29/2015 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur with Senate Amendments, Vote 87-8, Emergency Clause 89-6  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-47>
- HB53** ILLEGAL ALIEN HOUSING AGREEMENTS (ADAMS J, RETHERFORD W) To prohibit state agencies from entering into an agreement with the federal government to provide temporary housing for aliens who are not legally present in the United States.  
*Current Status:* 4/1/2015 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; effective in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 3/26/2015 - Consideration of Conference Committee Report; House Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 82-13; 3/25/2015 - Consideration of Conference Committee Report; Senate Accepts Conference Committee Report, Vote 33-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-53>
- HB56** PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT-CRIMINAL RECORDS (SCHURING K, SLESNICK S) To limit the use of criminal records in the hiring and employment practices of public employers.  
*Current Status:* 12/22/2015 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 3/23/2016  
*Recent Status:* 12/22/2015 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 12/9/2015 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 91-1  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-56>
- HB64** OPERATING BUDGET (SMITH R) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.  
*Current Status:* 6/30/2015 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 6/30/15; certain provisions effective 9/29/2015, other dates  
*Recent Status:* 6/29/2015 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 6/26/2015 - Consideration of Conference Committee Report; Conference Committee Report Accepted, Vote 61-34  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-64>



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- HB72** ENERGY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS (CONDITT M) To authorize port authorities to create energy special improvement districts for the purpose of developing and implementing plans for special energy improvement projects and to alter the law governing such districts that are governed by a nonprofit corporation.  
*Current Status:* 5/6/2015 - BILL AMENDED, House Public Utilities, (Fourth Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/18/2015 - House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing); 3/11/2015 - House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-72>
- HB82** RIGHT-OF-WAY PENALTIES INCREASE (BEAGLE B) To increase the penalties for failing to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian who is crossing a roadway within a crosswalk when the crosswalk is located within a school zone.  
*Current Status:* 5/13/2015 - House State Government, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 4/29/2015 - House State Government, (Second Hearing); 3/18/2015 - House State Government, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-82>
- HB84** MUNICIPAL TAX-CIVIL ACTIONS (SPRAGUE R, SWEENEY M) To require civil actions by taxpayers related to municipal income taxes be brought against the municipal corporation imposing the tax rather than the municipal corporation's tax administrator.  
*Current Status:* 3/24/2015 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/3/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means; 2/25/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-84>
- HB86** DISTRACTED DRIVING (GROSSMAN C) To create the offense of "distracted driving" and to limit its application and prosecution to persons who also commit a moving violation or a vehicular homicide offense at the same time as the distracted driving offense.  
*Current Status:* 6/10/2015 - House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Second Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/26/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (First Hearing); 3/3/2015 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-86>
- HB88** ELECTRONIC DEVICES-DRIVING (SHEEHY M) To prohibit the use of an electronic wireless communications device while operating a vehicle in a school zone during hours when children are present outside or in a construction zone during hours of actual work, to specify that the offenses related to the use of a handheld electronic wireless communications device while driving apply to the operation of all vehicles rather than all motor vehicles as under current law, and to make driving a vehicle while using a handheld electronic wireless communications device to write, send, or read a text-based communication a primary rather than secondary traffic offense.  
*Current Status:* 3/26/2015 - House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/3/2015 - Referred to Committee House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety; 2/25/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-88>



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- HB100** (SLABY M, PATMON B) To require that a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or an actual gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds be driven only in either of the two right-hand lanes of a freeway with three lanes of travel in the same direction, except in limited circumstances.  
*Current Status:* 3/24/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Second Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 3/17/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (First Hearing); 3/10/2015 - Referred to Committee House Transportation and Infrastructure  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-100>
- HB107** SPEED-LIMIT REDUCTION REQUEST (STINZIANO M, RETHERFORD W) To permit a person or neighborhood association or organization to request the Director of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on the street or highway of the person's residence or a street or highway located within the area of representation of the association or organization if the street or highway has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour, and to permit a person or neighborhood association or organization to request the Director or a local authority to erect a stop sign at an intersection where currently no stop sign is present.  
*Current Status:* 5/19/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 5/12/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Second Hearing); 4/21/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-107>
- HB130** PUBLIC RECORDS-DATA BOARD (HAGAN C, DUFFEY M) To create the DataOhio Board, to specify requirements for posting public records online, to require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices, to establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov, to establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program, and to make an appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 5/18/2016 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 96-0  
*Recent Status:* 5/18/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 4/20/2016 - REPORTED OUT, House Finance, (Third Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-130>
- HB150** (GROSSMAN C, SCHERER G) To require hotel intermediaries to collect and remit applicable sales and use tax on the full amount paid for hotel lodging, to require hotel intermediaries to supply customers with itemized invoices, to specify that a hotel intermediary is presumed to have "substantial nexus" with Ohio if the intermediary arranges lodging at Ohio hotels, and to specify that hotels are not liable for the failure of a hotel intermediary to properly collect or remit applicable taxes.  
*Current Status:* 4/12/2016 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 6/9/2015 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing); 5/19/2015 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-150>
- HB154** BICYCLE PASSING-TRAFFIC LIGHTS (HENNE M, SHEEHY M) To provide that when a motor vehicle passes a bicycle the safe passing distance to the left is three feet, and to alter the protocol for proceeding into an intersection that has malfunctioning traffic lights.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2016 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 81-16  
*Recent Status:* 5/24/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 6/24/2015 - REPORTED OUT, House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs and Public Safety, (Third Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-154>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB159** REAR LICENSE PLATE (JOHNSON T, PATMON B) To require that motor vehicles carry only one license plate to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, and to amend the version of section of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.  
*Current Status:* 6/9/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 5/19/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (Second Hearing); 5/12/2015 - House Transportation and Infrastructure, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-159>
- HB176** GAS-FUEL CONVERSION PROGRAM (HALL D, O'BRIEN S) To create the Gaseous Fuel Vehicle Conversion Program, to allow a credit against the income or commercial activity tax for the purchase or conversion of an alternative fuel vehicle, to reduce the amount of sales tax due on the purchase or lease of a qualifying electric vehicle by up to \$500, to apply the motor fuel tax to the distribution or sale of compressed natural gas, to authorize a temporary, partial motor fuel tax exemption for sales of compressed natural gas used as motor fuel, and to make an appropriation.  
*Current Status:* 11/18/2015 - REPORTED OUT, House Finance, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 9/16/2015 - Re-Referred to Committee; 6/23/2015 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-176>
- HB180** RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS (MAAG R) To prohibit a public authority from requiring a contractor to employ a certain percentage of individuals from the geographic area of the public authority for the construction or professional design of a public improvement.  
*Current Status:* 5/31/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 5/27/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/11/2016 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 23-10  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-180>
- HB182** JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (SCHURING K) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones.  
*Current Status:* 6/13/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 95-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-182>
- HB190** WIND FARM SETBACKS-COUNTY (BURKLEY T, BROWN T) To permit counties to adopt resolutions establishing an alternative setback for wind farms and to extend by five years the deadlines for obtaining the qualified energy project tax exemption.  
*Current Status:* 5/18/2016 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Public Utilities, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 11/18/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing); 5/27/2015 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-190>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB203** STARTUP OHIO INITIATIVE (STINZIANO M) To establish the Startup Ohio initiative in which universities and partnering business may collaborate in tax-free areas near campuses in this state to create jobs, attract entrepreneurs, and spur academic enrichment and to direct the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$100 million to the Ohio Venture Capital Program Fund.  
*Current Status:* 5/19/2015 - Referred to Committee House Economic and Workforce Development  
*Recent Status:* 5/12/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-203>
- HB222** PUBLIC TRANSIT EMPLOYEE-ASSAULT (DRIEHAUS D, PERALES R) To increase the penalty for assault when the victim is an employee of an Ohio transit system whom the offender knows or has reasonable cause to know is such an employee engaged in the performance of the victim's duties; to permit the court to impose a fine of up to \$5000 and a six-month or lifetime prohibition from riding an Ohio transit system for assault committed in such specified circumstances; to authorize Ohio transit systems to post a warning sign indicating that abuse or assault of staff will not be tolerated and might result in a felony conviction; and to increase the penalty for evading payment of the known fares of a public transportation system.  
*Current Status:* 2/23/2016 - House Judiciary, (Second Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 6/9/2015 - House Judiciary, (First Hearing); 5/26/2015 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-222>
- HB232** SELLER-USE TAX COLLECTION (GROSSMAN C, SCHERER G) To prescribe new criteria for determining whether sellers are presumed to have substantial nexus with Ohio and therefore required to register to collect use tax, to allow sellers presumed to have substantial nexus to rebut that presumption, and to require a person, before the person enters into a sale of goods contract with the state, to register, along with the person's affiliates, to collect use tax.  
*Current Status:* 6/2/2015 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means  
*Recent Status:* 5/27/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-232>
- HB233** REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS (SCHURING K) To authorize municipal corporations to create downtown redevelopment districts and innovation districts for the purposes of promoting the rehabilitation of historic buildings, creating jobs, encouraging economic development in commercial and mixed-use areas, and supporting grants and loans to technology-oriented and other businesses.  
*Current Status:* 5/6/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 5/5/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 4/20/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 96-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-233>
- HB237** TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES (DUFFEY M, HACKETT R) To regulate transportation network companies and transportation network company services.  
*Current Status:* 12/22/2015 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 3/23/2016  
*Recent Status:* 12/22/2015 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 12/22/2015 - Sent to Governor for Signature  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-237>



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- HB301** STATE EMPLOYEE-HEALTH CARE PLAN (HENNE M, HUFFMAN S) To require the Department of Administrative Services to make a high deductible health care plan available to state employees and state elected officials.  
*Current Status:* 10/14/2015 - House Insurance, (Second Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 10/6/2015 - House Insurance, (First Hearing); 9/30/2015 - Referred to Committee House Insurance  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-301>
- HB302** ANNEXED TERRITORY-LEVY (HENNE M) To provide that, beginning five years after a type-II annexation is approved, the annexed territory is subject to a fire, police, or EMS tax levy only if the levy is imposed by the subdivision that provides the fire, police, or EMS service to the territory.  
*Current Status:* 4/12/2016 - House Local Government, (Third Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 12/1/2015 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing); 11/17/2015 - House Local Government, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-302>
- HB304** MUNICIPAL WATER RESERVOIR-BUFFERS (LELAND D, STINZIANO M) To eliminate law authorizing the maintenance of buffers around municipal water reservoirs by contiguous property owners.  
*Current Status:* 11/17/2015 - House Local Government, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 9/30/2015 - Referred to Committee House Local Government; 8/25/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-304>
- HB340** LOCAL GOVERNMENT INNOVATION COUNCIL (AMSTUTZ R) To extend the operation of the Local Government Innovation Council until December 31, 2019, and to declare an emergency.  
*Current Status:* 12/22/2015 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 12/22/2015  
*Recent Status:* 12/22/2015 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 12/9/2015 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 91-1, Emergency Clause Passed 89-3  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-340>
- HB390** NATURAL GAS-ET AL (SCHAFFER T, RETHERFORD W) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs and to make appropriations.  
*Current Status:* 6/28/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/28/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 69-26  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-390>
- HB412** RACETRACK PAYMENTS-LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (ANIELSKI M, SCHURING K) To require certain payments made to local governments in which racetracks are located to be made proportionally.  
*Current Status:* 1/20/2016 - Referred to Committee House Finance  
*Recent Status:* 12/14/2015 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-412>



## MORPC LEGISLATIVE TRACKING

- HB413** TOWNSHIP LAWS (BRINKMAN T) To add to the purposes for which a board of township trustees may go into executive session, to permit a township to charge for recycling services, to reduce the population threshold for a township to adopt a limited home rule form of government, to authorize a township to purchase, lease, or provide underwater rescue and recovery equipment for fire and rescue purposes, to authorize boards of township trustees to pay for group life insurance for any employee, to make other changes to the township laws, to allow taxing units to use the proceeds of a fire, police, or emergency services tax levy to pay costs related to the service for which the tax is levied, and to expand the public infrastructure improvements townships, municipal corporations, and counties may pay for using money from their public improvement tax increment equivalent funds.  
*Current Status:* 6/28/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; Eff. 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/28/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 96-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-413>
- HB523** MEDICAL MARIJUANA (HUFFMAN S) To authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program.  
*Current Status:* 6/8/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of Senate Amendments; House Does Concur, Vote 67-29  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-523>
- HB528** MOTOR VEHICLE-LICENSE TAXES (RUHL M) To authorize additional permissive local motor vehicle license taxes up to a total of \$15.  
*Current Status:* 5/17/2016 - House Ways and Means, (First Hearing)  
*Recent Status:* 4/26/2016 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means; 4/20/2016 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-528>
- HCR7** TAX EXEMPT MUNICIPAL BONDS (SPRAGUE R) To urge the President and the Congress of the United States to preserve the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds.  
*Current Status:* 5/11/2016 - ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 33-0  
*Recent Status:* 5/11/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 4/20/2016 - REPORTED OUT, Senate Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HCR-7>
- HCR35** SMART CITY CHALLENGE (KUNZE S, CRAIG H) To urge the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to select the City of Columbus as the award winner for the USDOT Smart City Challenge.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2016 - Referred to Committee House Government Accountability and Oversight  
*Recent Status:* 5/24/2016 - Introduced  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HCR-35>



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- SB159** LICENSE PLATE NAMING-COLUMBUS AIRPORT (HUGHES J) To amend the law governing motor vehicle license plate county identification stickers, to create various license plates, to change the name of the Port Columbus International Airport to the John Glenn Columbus International Airport, and to designate a portion of State Route 2 in Cuyahoga County as the "Governor Richard F. Celeste Shoreway."  
*Current Status:* 6/14/2016 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. in 90 days  
*Recent Status:* 6/8/2016 - Sent to Governor for Signature; 5/25/2016 - Consideration of House Amendments; Vote 33-0  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-159>
- SB235** INCREASED VALUE-PROPERTY TAX (BEAGLE B, COLEY W) To enact section 5709.45 of the Revised Code to exempt from property tax the increased value of property on which industrial or commercial development is planned until construction of new commercial or industrial facilities at the property commences.  
*Current Status:* 5/4/2016 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 22-11  
*Recent Status:* 5/4/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 4/27/2016 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, Senate Ways and Means, (Sixth Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-235>
- SCR21** SMART CITY CHALLENGE (BACON K) To urge the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) to select the city of Columbus as the award winner for the USDOT Smart City Challenge.  
*Current Status:* 5/24/2016 - ADOPTED BY HOUSE; Vote 94-3  
*Recent Status:* 5/24/2016 - Bills for Third Consideration; 5/18/2016 - REPORTED OUT, House Government Accountability and Oversight, (First Hearing)  
*State Bill Page:* <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SCR-21>

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