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TOP ADVOCACY ITEMS

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Status</i>
Establish MORPC as Top MPO Resource for Ohio Congressional Delegation on Transportation Issues	<p>The U.S. Department of Transportation announced its first-ever Smart Cities grant program. Medium-sized cities (populations of between 200,000 and 850,000 residents) will compete for a single grant worth potentially \$50 million to address the challenges caused by the potential of rapid growth. MORPC has been working with the City of Columbus to help prepare its proposal which must be submitted in early February. Additional key partners in the Columbus grant application include The Ohio State University and Batelle.</p> <p>Additionally, MORPC’s board and staff leadership will be on Capitol Hill in February to share our 2016 Public Policy Agenda and to brief our congressional delegation on our transportation priorities.</p>
Explore Possibility of Passing Legislation to Increase Local Government License Plate Fees for Funding Infrastructure	<p>MORPC’s License Plate Task Force continues its work with statewide organizations to identify next steps in advocacy. Meetings with members of the Central Ohio General Assembly delegation have identified additional supporters.</p>
Seek Funding for TRAC Projects	<p>MORPC is analyzing the recently-passed FAST Act to determine the opportunities that the bill may provide for funding projects in our region. One area of interest is the Nationally Significant Freight and Highway Projects Program that provides more than \$4 billion in competitively awarded grants over the bill’s five-year period.</p>
Work with Our Regional Partners to Identify Significant Projects and Grant Opportunities to Benefit the Region	<p>In preparation for this year’s state capital bill, the Columbus region has assembled a diverse group of community and cross-sector leaders and organizations to analyze projects in the Columbus region and communicate the merits of those projects to the Administration and General Assembly. The primary goal of this group is to ensure the capital budget maximizes the economic impact to our region and state.</p> <p>MORPC’s proposed project – a regional data lab – was recommended for funding by this regional group.</p> <p>MORPC will also be providing technical assistance to its members that plan to submit their own capital bill projects. Members should reach out to their individual legislators.</p>
Secure Additional Resources for the Clean Ohio Program	<p>MORPC will be working with the Clean Ohio Coalition to ensure that the Clean Ohio fund receives state capital bill funding. Governor Kasich is expected to allocate up to \$100 million to the fund in the introduced version of the state capital bill. If this occurs, MORPC will work to safeguard the funding as the bill moves through the legislative process.</p>



HANNAH 2016 PRELIMINARY CANDIDATE LIST

<i>Ohio House</i>				
<i>District</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Third Party</i>
17	M. Curtin	Adam Miller Matt Jolson	John Rush	
18	M. Stinziano	Kristin Boggs Joshua Clark Adhanet Kifle	Whitney Smith	
19	A. Gonzales	Michael Johnston	Anne Gonzales	
20	H. Bishoff	Heather Bishoff	Lisa Schacht Bobby Mitchell	
21	M. Duffey	Ryan Koch	Mike Duffey	
22	D. Leland	David Leland	Linda L. Jarrett	
23	C. Grossman	Lee Schreiner	Mike Lanese	
24	S. Kunze	Kristopher Keller	Jim Hughes	
25	K. Boyce	Dontavius Jarrells Bernadine K. Kent Jeffrey D. Mackey	Seth Golding	
26	H. Craig	Hearcel F. Craig		
67	A. Brenner		Andrew O. Brenner	
68	M. Ruhl	John Russell	Rick Carfagna Patrick J. Quinn W. Miles Bancroft Beth Lear	
71	S. Ryan	Joseph Begeny	Scott Ryan	
72	B. Hayes	John R. Carlisle	Cliff Biggers Larry Householder Randal Almendinger	
74	R. Hackett	Barbara Niemeyer Steve Key	Joe Russell Brenden Shea Chris Wallace Bill Dean	
77	T. Schaffer	Brad Nicodemus	Tim Schaffer	Justin Taylor
78	R. Hood		Ron Hood	
83	R. Sprague	Mary Harshfield	Robert Sprague	
85	N. Vitale		Nino Vitale	
86	D. Pelanda	Scott Crider	Dorothy Pelanda	
87	J. McClain		Tom Whiston Steve Reinhard Wes Goodman	
91	C. Rosenberger		Cliff Rosenberger	
92	G. Scherer		Gary Scherer	



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<i>Ohio Senate</i>				
<i>District</i>	<i>Incumbent</i>	<i>Democrat</i>	<i>Republican</i>	<i>Third Party</i>
10	C. Widener	Matthew Kirk Michael Sergio Gilbert	Robert Hackett Brian Walton	
12	K. Faber		John Adams Matt Huffman	
16	J. Hughes	Larry L. Malone Jr.	Stephanie Kunze Aaron Neuman	
20	T. Balderson		Troy Balderson	
26	D. Burke		Dave Burke	

TOP NEWS

Attorney General

A finding of the Ohio Attorney General could shape the future application of Ohio laws on the appointment process for county commissioners' posts vacated by elected officers who switch political parties during their tenure. In a new legal opinion, Attorney General Mike DeWine concludes that, similar to statute and case law on mayoral appointments, stipulates the political affiliation of county commissioners who vacate office early is their status at the time of departure, not election.

Ballot Issues

The group behind Issue 3, a proposal that would have legalized marijuana for personal and medical use but restricted growing sites to 10 pre-specified locations owned by the investors of the campaign, spent nearly \$6.3 million in the final days of the campaign in what would ultimately be a losing effort. ResponsibleOhio spent more than \$20 million on the Issue 3 campaign.

FY16-17 Budget

State tax revenues for the first half of FY16 are precisely on target, bringing in a total of nearly \$10.965 billion compared to the estimated level of \$10.963 billion for a variation of zero percent. This is according to preliminary revenue figures released by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM).

Census

The U.S. Census Bureau estimated that Ohio has gained 16,425 residents in 2015 and remains the seventh largest state in the nation, according to numbers released before the holidays.



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Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC)

The full Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission (OCMC) voted on a recommendation to retain the “thorough and efficient” clause for public education in the Ohio Constitution.

The OCMC Coordinating Committee voted to table two proposals to extend term limits for state lawmakers until its next meeting.

Two prosecutors told the OCMC Judicial Branch and Administration of Justice Committee that the grand jury system works well in Ohio and that lawmakers and the commission should resist calls to take away some of the system’s secrecy.

Chairman Doug Cole gauged members’ consensus on topics OCMC’s finance committee has reviewed during the year regarding the constitution’s article on public debt. The Finance, Taxation and Economic Development Committee chair said staff encouraged him to continue discussion on topics such as obsolete provisions and the state’s debt limitation at the meeting, but he plans at the next meeting to have an official reading of a proposed constitutional amendment submitted by Office of Budget and Management (OBM) Director Tim Keen.

Economic Development

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) has awarded \$880,285 in grants and \$900,000 in loans to local governments in its latest funding round from the Local Government Innovation Fund.

JobsOhio leadership brought its Board of Directors up to speed on a revamped 2016 marketing campaign featuring new staff, new multi-media, and a new arsenal of advertising specialists to better communicate Ohio’s opportunities for investment, expansion and job creation.

JobsOhio President and Chief Investment Officer John Minor says the nonprofit agency will build on its robust financing and growing regional partnerships in 2016 with a new workforce initiative and redevelopment program for sites with promising job potential. Minor told his Board of Directors that those plans are taking shape in the final days of 2015. “Our focus will include the acceleration of redeveloping sites that we believe can support job opportunities for Ohioans. We will also build a workforce team to focus on workforce issues important to companies here as well as companies outside Ohio looking to invest here,” he said. He also expanded on the new ad campaign unveiled by his director of marketing and communications, Scott Hanley.

Calendar Year 2015 ended with the Kasich administration having awarded an estimated \$100 million in publicly-funded tax credits to private business interests, which in turn have promised to invest more than \$1.5 billion; create an estimated 15,511 new positions; and keep another 16,577 existing jobs in Ohio.

The Third Frontier Program announced plans to increase funding outcomes by 50 percent in 2016, when the commission will have \$31 million to spend on high-tech development in Ohio. It finished the year in the black by awarding all remaining funds from the \$70 million targeted for 2015.



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Economy

Economist Bill LaFayette forecast a 2.2 percent job growth rate in 2016 for Central Ohio in his latest “Blue Chip Economic Forecast” before the Columbus Metropolitan Club. That translates to 22,000 new jobs over the next year. LaFayette told Hannah News that he has not done an extensive forecast of the state economy, but said the state as a whole has not done as well as Central Ohio.

Elections 2015

Ohio Secretary of State (SOS) Jon Husted certified the results of the three statewide ballot issues considered by voters during the General Election held on Nov. 3, 2015. In total, 3,255,537 ballots were cast out of the state’s 7,529,667 registered voters, resulting in a voter turnout rate of 43.2 percent.

Elections 2016

The December filing deadline led to a few surprises, including Reps. Mike Curtin (D-Columbus) and Kevin Boyce (D-Columbus) not running for re-election. Other expected moves included the filing of former House Speaker Larry Householder for his old seat, which could give House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) two former legislative leaders in his caucus next General Assembly along with Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina), who filed to succeed Rep. Jim Buchy (R-Greenville).

Employment/Unemployment

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) said that Ohio’s unemployment rose to 4.5 percent in November, up from 4.4 percent in October, but the state added 9,900 jobs over the month. According to ODJFS, nonagricultural and salary employment went from a revised 5,427,100 in October to 5,437,000 in November. The number of workers unemployed was up 6,000, going from 249,000 in October to 255,000 in November.

Energy

Growth in oil and gas drilling has plunged in a new report from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), which saw shale oil expansion drop to a meager 2 percent and natural gas growth to 11 percent in the third quarter of 2015 -- both well short of the double-digit trends in the last year and a half.

The state’s freeze of its energy-efficiency standards reduced electric utility home-weatherization efforts for low-income households by 26 percent, according to a new report from Policy Matters Ohio (PMO) and NextGen Climate America (NGCA). Weatherization services reduce need for struggling families to seek utility payment assistance plans, reduce costs of ratepayer-funded assistance programs and create job opportunities in Ohio’s energy economy, says the study, “Weatherization Works.”

Originally billed as the largest wind energy development in the state, the long-delayed Hardin Wind farm has taken two major strides toward realization of the 200-turbine project in Hardin and Logan counties. The Ohio Supreme Court dismissed a local citizen’s complaint opposing the Legislature’s initial, 500-foot-plus property setback for wind turbines, even as Congress simultaneously reauthorized the wind energy tax credit as part of its recent budget deal.



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Environment

A significant amount of carbon pollution could be eliminated by 2020 with a moderate growth in wind power in Northern Ohio, according to a new report from Environment Ohio. Using data from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, "Turning to the Wind" shows that as much as 2,287 megawatts (MW) of wind power could be built in the state in the next five years with certain policies in place -- enough to power about 105,000 homes.

Federal

Ohio's U.S. Senators Sherrod Brown (D) and Rob Portman (R) have praised numerous priority projects for their home state that were included in the \$1.1 trillion federal spending bill on which congressional Democrats and Republicans struck a deal.

U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-WI) announced that U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi (R-Columbus) has been appointed as vice-chair of the Joint Economic Committee (JEC). The chairmanship and vice-chairmanship of the committee alternate between the Senate and House every Congress.

General Assembly/Statehouse

The main event for 2015 final legislative sessions for 2015 was HB340, a legislative fix for the Local Government Innovation Council that turned into a Christmas tree budget corrections measure. The Senate Finance Committee rolled out a 247-page substitute bill, but then recessed until the next day and accepted a shorter version that dropped proposed changes to the workforce development system. Provisions that made the final version included clarified spending authority for school district tangible personal property tax supplements, addressing charter school employees whose employer was contributing both to pensions and Social Security, and specifying that OSU Extension should pay 4-H volunteers' fees from fingerprinting if OSU policy requires the background check. The House passed the measure 91-1, and the Senate approved it unanimously.

A House Democratic screening panel has recommended attorney Kristin S. Boggs to fill the vacant 18th House District seat, succeeding Rep. Michael Stinziano (D-Columbus), who resigned to take a seat on Columbus City Council. The screening panel chose Boggs over three others. Boggs is an assistant attorney general and the daughter of Robert Boggs, a former state senator and director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. That district includes downtown Columbus, Grandview Heights, and Bexley.

Politics

U.S. Sen. Rob Portman's (R-OH) re-election campaign said that it raised nearly \$10 million in 2015, a record for Ohio. The 2015 total includes nearly \$2.1 million in the fourth quarter. The \$9.8 million Portman's campaign reported is nearly double what U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH) had on-hand going into his re-election year in 2012.



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Public Safety

The state of Ohio has implemented a program making it easier for some private organizations to help out during a natural or man-made disaster. "For the first time in Ohio, a secure credentialing system is available at no cost for Ohio Public Private Partnership (OP3) organizations to utilize while assisting communities in an emergency," the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) said.

Democrats are circulating proposed legislation to implement the Ohio Task Force on Community Police Relations' recommendation for a fully independent investigation of all officer-involved shootings involving deadly force. The move came days after the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury elected not to indict Cleveland Police Officer Timothy Loehmann in the death of 12-year-old Tamir Rice. Reps. Janine Boyd (D-Cleveland Heights) and Christie Kuhns (D-Cincinnati) are currently seeking co-sponsors for the bill, which would require two or more law enforcement officials outside the department employing the officer in question to investigate the use of deadly force. Investigators would then submit their findings to the county for possible prosecution. All law enforcement agencies would be required to adopt written policies affirming the mandate on independent investigations, though police would still be allowed to conduct internal investigations as well.

Taxation

State tax revenues came in about \$11.9 million or 0.6 percent above estimates for the month of November, putting Ohio almost even for the year-to-date, having brought in only \$3.9 million less than estimated. So far for the year-to-date, Ohio has collected \$9.06 billion from all tax sources, according to figures released by the Office of Budget and Management (OBM).

JobsOhio President and CEO John Minor told the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission that companies looking to locate in Ohio consider the corporate tax structure, although the type of taxes a state has is not as important. Minor said that a state's corporate tax is an indicator of how business friendly a state is. He said the Commercial Activities Tax (CAT) is a very competitive tax due to its low rate and exemptions on products sold outside of Ohio. When it comes to luring companies, Minor said it is all about being competitive with other states. At the request of Commission Chair Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Sabine), Minor also addressed an increase in the severance tax, saying the biggest driver to development in that industry tends to be commodity prices, and in his opinion a modest increase would not hurt Ohio's competitive advantage. He noted there are other taxes that could benefit from oil and gas industry growth such as sales taxes on new equipment.

Transportation

The Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues released its report, recommending the state should do the following: maintain the current 70 miles per hour speed limit; retain the two license plate requirement; and pursue limited driving privilege licenses in stand-alone legislation.

The Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) says it has received funding in the recent federal omnibus spending legislation for CMAX, its planned bus rapid transit (BRT) line along Cleveland Avenue in Columbus.



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: 12/9/2015 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Third Hearing)
Recent Status: 9/30/2015 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing); 9/23/2015 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (First Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-5>
- 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
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>
- 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: 12/2/2015 - House Finance, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 10/6/2015 - Re-Referred to Committee; 6/17/2015 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House State Government, (Fifth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-130>
- 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>
- 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: 12/2/2015 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, House Economic and Workforce Development, (Fifth Hearing)
Recent Status: 11/18/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Economic and Workforce Development, (Fourth Hearing); 5/27/2015 - House Economic and Workforce Development, (Third Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-182>



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- 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: 11/18/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Public Utilities, (Second Hearing)
Recent Status: 5/27/2015 - House Public Utilities, (First Hearing); 5/12/2015 - Referred to Committee House Public Utilities
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-190>
- 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: 12/8/2015 - Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 11/10/2015 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means; 10/27/2015 - PASSED BY HOUSE; Vote 91-0
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
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>
- 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: 12/1/2015 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing)
Recent Status: 11/17/2015 - House Local Government, (First Hearing); 9/30/2015 - Referred to Committee House Local Government
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
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>



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- 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: 12/14/2015 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-412>
- 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: 12/14/2015 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-HB-413>
- SB75** AGRITOURISM-ZONING (JONES S, PETERSON B) To limit the authority of a board of county commissioners or board of township trustees to prohibit agritourism through zoning, to apply current agricultural use valuation to land used for agritourism for property tax purposes, and to establish immunity in a civil action for agritourism providers.
Current Status: 11/17/2015 - PASSED BY SENATE; Vote 30-1
Recent Status: 11/17/2015 - Bills for Third Consideration; 10/21/2015 - REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED, Senate Civil Justice, (Fourth Hearing)
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-75>
- SB192** TRAFFIC LAW REVISION (BALDERSON T) 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: 12/9/2015 - Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor, (First Hearing)
Recent Status: 9/15/2015 - Referred to Committee Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor; 6/30/2015 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-192>
- SB209** OHIO RURAL JOBS ACT (HITE C) To enact the "Ohio Rural Jobs Act" which authorizes a nonrefundable tax credit for insurance companies that invest in rural business growth funds, which are certified to provide capital to rural and agricultural businesses.
Current Status: 12/8/2015 - House Agriculture and Rural Development, (Second Hearing)
Recent Status: 12/1/2015 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED, House Agriculture and Rural Development, (First Hearing); 11/16/2015 - Referred to Committee House Agriculture and Rural Development
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-209>
- SB251** DRONE USE-LAW ENFORCEMENT (SKINDELL M, JORDAN K) To regulate the use of drones for gathering evidence and information by law enforcement officers in Ohio.
Current Status: 12/8/2015 - Introduced
State Bill Page: <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA131-SB-251>



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