

# Legislative Update



CCAO Policy Team  
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# Budget Check In



# Rate Cards / Cost Transparency

- Goals: Standardization, transparency, clarity.
- Plan is to begin at the start of SFY 2027 (July 1, 2026).
- DCY is discussing a two-year cadence to match the state budget.
- Advisory group being put together to complete market rate studies and narrow cost analysis work.



# NG 9-1-1

- User Fee: \$0.40/month -> \$0.60/month
- Increased county share of total revenue
  - 72% -> 81.33%
- First revenue figures from the increased fee are expected this month.



# Northwest Regional Hub

- Status: Onboarded staff and moved into a new building. Received the first case from the court, and increasing the awareness of the county courts to utilize the OPD staff.
- Goals: Show cost savings to the state and counties, as well as an increase in outcomes.
  - Data tracked includes saved jail bed days for the county, use of social workers, resolution of the case for court efficiency purposes, etc.



# Reimbursement

- Monthly submissions are hovering around \$19 million a month.
- On track for 82% reimbursement.
  - Consistent with estimates from the state budget process.
- OPD is focusing on helping counties work on timely submissions.
  - Available to assist counties if you have a problem with a late submission.



# Year in Review



# Property Taxation

**HB 124**

Auditors gain  
more control  
over valuations

**HB 129**

Additional  
elements into  
the 20-mill floor

**HB 186**

20-mill floor  
capped at  
inflation

Modification of  
property tax  
rollbacks

**HB 309**

County budget  
commission  
authority

**HB 335**

Inside millage  
capped at  
inflation





# Property Tax Credit Changes

*(Changes to 10% credit only apply to  
non-agricultural use property)*

Tax Year	Non-Business Credit Rate	Owner Occupancy Credit Rate	Total Credit Rate
TY 2025	10.00%	2.50%	12.50%
TY 2026	7.50%	5.70%	13.20%
TY 2027	5.00%	8.92%	13.92%
TY 2028	2.50%	12.15%	14.65%
TY 2029 Onwards	0%	15.38%	15.38%

Year of Change	Non-Business Credit Rate	Non-Business Credit Amount	Owner Occupancy Credit Rate	Owner Occupancy Credit Amount	Total Credit Rate	Total Credit Amount
Year 0	10.00%	\$469.80	2.50%	\$117.44	12.50%	\$587.24
Year 1	7.50%	\$352.35	5.70%	\$267.79	13.20%	\$620.14
Year 2	5.00%	\$234.90	8.92%	\$419.06	13.92%	\$653.96
Year 3	2.50%	\$117.45	12.15%	\$570.81	14.65%	\$688.26
Year 4	0%	\$0.00	15.38%	\$722.55	15.38%	\$722.55

2022

2025

## HB 335 Simulation

Taxable  
Value:

\$47,710

\$72,770

*52.3% Increase*

Inside  
Millage:

\$477.10

\$727.70

*\$250.60 Increase*

Inflation: 10.8%

***HB 335 saves this  
taxpayer \$199 per year***

Capped  
Inside  
Millage:

\$477.10

\$528.70

*\$51.60 Increase*

# Avery's Law (HB 247)

- Removes “one free bite” rule.
- Increases and clarifies penalties for owners and dogs.
- Host of other changes.
- Crafted by the County Dog Wardens Association.



# 2026 Preview



# Capital Budget

- Largely debt-funded projects
- CCAO Priority: Jail Funding
  - \$1.9 billion in need identified in 2024
- Amount of community project funding currently unknown



# SNAP Administration

- Federal match rate for SNAP administration
  - 50% to 25% - October 1, 2026
  - Annual loss to counties of \$47 million
- Impact
  - Hiring freezes, staff reductions



# SNAP Error Rates

- Why does this matter?
  - SNAP error rate drives benefit cost covered by state

Payment Error Rate	Benefit Cost Share	Approx Ohio Impact
<6%	\$0	\$0
6-7.99%	5%	\$160M
8-9.99%	10%	\$320M
>10%	15%	\$480M

- The ask?
  - Make counties whole



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# Questions?

