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Legislative Activity

Committee Hearings

The following committees held hearings this week regarding bills that may interest counties.

House Civil Justice

- [House Bill 583](#) (Representatives Andrea White and Phil Plummer): Regarding residential facilities for foster children
 - Fifth hearing, interested party testimony from Cleveland Christian Home

Upcoming Committee Hearings

The following committees are currently scheduled to meet and discuss bills that may interest counties. Other committees will likely meet as well, but as of press time for the Statehouse Report, they have not released agendas. Please note that these schedules are subject to change.

If you would like to testify on any bill, please visit the committee page and contact the committee chair's office for instructions on submitting testimony.

Tuesday, December 3

[Senate Local Government](#) (10:30 a.m.)

- [House Bill 315](#) (Representatives Thomas Hall and Bill Seitz): To revise the township law.
 - Third hearing, opponent/interested party testimony
- [House Bill 331](#) (Representatives Adam Mathews and Tom Young): To modify the law regarding village dissolution.
 - Third hearing, opponent/interested party testimony
- [House Bill 497](#) (Representatives Brian Stewart and Roy Klopfenstein): To make various changes regarding county law.
 - Third hearing, opponent/interested party testimony

House Economic and Workforce Development (11:30 a.m.)

- [House Bill 375](#) (Representatives Steve Demetriou and Tom Patton): To make changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations.
 - Fifth hearing, all testimony
 - **POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS**
 - **POSSIBLE VOTE**

House Ways & Means (2:30 p.m.)

- [Senate Bill 186](#) (Senators Bill Blessing III and Catherine Ingram): To require payment of property taxes and assessments when a lot is split or transferred and to generally prohibit tax-delinquent property owners from purchasing tax-foreclosed property.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 598](#) (Representative Phil Robinson): To exempt retirement income of public safety personnel from state income tax and to reimburse the Local Government Fund and Public Library Fund for resulting revenue losses.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 638](#) (Representative Tim Barhorst): To eliminate interest on county sales tax refunds and extend the time for state recovery of amounts of refunded taxes from local subdivisions.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 465](#) (Representatives Dani Isaacsohn and Thomas Hall): To authorize a refundable income tax credit or rebate for homeowners and renters whose property taxes or a portion of their recent exceed five per cent of their income.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

House State and Local Government (3:30 p.m.)

- [House Bill 635](#) (Representative DJ Swearingen): To reestablish the Water and Sewer Commission and the Water and Sewer Fund.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

Senate General Government (3:30 p.m.)

- [House Bill 327](#) (Representative Scott Wiggam): To require government contractors, private nonresidential contractors, and certain employers to use E-verify.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony

Wednesday, December 3

House Technology and Innovation (9:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 507](#) (Representative Brett Hillyer): To extend legal safe harbor to political subdivisions that implement a specified cyber security program.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony
 - **POSSIBLE VOTE**

Senate Health (9:30 a.m.)

- [House Bill 303](#) (Representatives Thomas Hall and Nick Santucci): To establish a process for the revision of training subjects for EMS personnel.

- Third hearing, opponent/interested party testimony
- [House Bill 236](#) (Representatives Beth Lear and Melanie Miller): To prohibit a congregate care setting from denying a patient or resident access to an advocate during public health emergencies and to name this act the Never Alone Act.
 - Third hearing, opponent/interested party testimony

[Senate Government Oversight](#) (11:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 257](#) (Representatives Jim Hoops and Thaddeus Claggett): To authorize certain public bodies to meet virtually.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony

[House Ways & Means](#) (3:30 p.m.)

- [Senate Bill 331](#) (Senator Bill Blessing III): To require certain liens filed with the county recorder to set forth the last known address of the lien debtor and to require a memorandum of trust or other qualifying instrument concerning real property to be recorded.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 496](#) (Representative Jim Hoops): To revise the law governing property taxes and county auditors.
 - Third hearing, opponent/interested party testimony
- [Senate Bill 224](#) (Senator Tim Schaffer): To modify the sales and use taxation of delivery network services.
 - Fourth hearing, all testimony