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Public safety organizations and local government associations send letter urging 9-1-1 fee support

Earlier today, a coalition including CCAO [sent a letter](#) to Senate President Rob McColley regarding the Next Generation 9-1-1 user fee that the House of Representatives increased from \$0.40 per month to \$0.60 per month, and which CCAO and other organizations are seeking a further increase of.

On May 12, President McColley received a letter from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Business Roundtable, the Ohio Telecommunications Association, the Buckeye Institute, and Americans For Prosperity - Ohio urging the Senate to not only oppose an additional increase in the NG 9-1-1 user fee, but also eliminate the House's increase. The letter from these organizations, [which can be found here](#), argues that a performance audit conducted by the Auditor of State found that a \$0.40 fee will leave the state with a surplus over the next decade.

None of these organizations testified about the NG 9-1-1 fee during any House budget hearings nor, through this week, any Senate budget hearings.

CCAO, along with the Buckeye Sheriffs Association, the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio NENA - The 911 Association, the Ohio Township Association, the Ohio Municipal League, and the Henry County Board of County Commissioners, have sent the Senate President a letter refuting the points raised in the earlier letter.

The main thrust of our rebuttal is that the Auditor of State's report focused primarily on the cost to the state, not the cost of 88 counties coming online to the system over the next five years, as is statutorily required. The technological need for counties to be compliant with the NG 9-1-1 system is considerably more expensive than the current system. Counties must have backup fiber lines, generators, and increased IT staff. In some cases, counties may need entirely new facilities.

The report by the Auditor of State found that there was insufficient information on the hardware and capital needs of counties so the report omitted consideration of that cost.

Next Generation 9-1-1 is a system upgrade that has already saved lives in the counties that are online and will save lives across the state once all 88 counties come online. The new system gives first responders more information about where victims are, helps dispatchers inform paramedics of any potentially vital medical information regarding the lives they're trying to save, and many more technological improvements.

It is vital for the state to not shortchange first responders.

Commissioners, CCAO testify on Association budget priorities

This week, CCAO and commissioners testified on key Association priorities.

Indigent Defense

On Wednesday evening, CCAO, the Ohio State Bar Association, and the Ohio Public Defender [provided testimony](#) to the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee to support indigent defense provisions and funding currently contained in HB 96, as well as request the adoption of SC 0832-1. The group urged the committee to retain language and separate funding currently contained in HB 96 that creates the Northwest Regional Hub. The Hub is a first of its kind system where OPD takes over the operation of indigent defense from Allen, Putnam, and Hardin counties. OPD will utilize a mixture of state employees and private attorneys to provide the services and take the county completely out of the operation of the system.

Additionally, the group recommended the committee to adopt SC 0832-1, which would provide an additional \$50 million dollars to counties for indigent defense reimbursement. The current level of funding contained in the bill would likely result in an 85% reimbursement to counties, which is an increase from the current 83% reimbursement level. The additional funding contained in the amendment would result in projected reimbursement in the 90% range. With the Senate budget amendment deadline today, we appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of this important issue.

We would also like to thank our coalition partners including OSBA, OPD, and others. Their steadfast support and partnership has provided a boost to our advocacy.

Human Services Priorities

On Wednesday, Ross County Commissioner Jack Everson [testified](#) before the Senate Health Committee on House Bill 96, the state operating budget. PCSAO Executive Director Angela Sausser and Highland County JFS Director Jeremy Ratcliff joined Commissioner Everson to testify in support of the investments in the child welfare placement crisis in the state budget.

Commissioner Everson's testimony highlighted the rising placement costs in his county, an increase from \$2.3 million in 2015 to \$6.3 million in 2024. He emphasized the need for

cost stabilization, as these increases are not sustainable, and expressed CCAO's support for the \$55 million increase in the state child protection allocation in HB 96.

Sausser's testimony highlighted CCAO and PCSAO's support for one-time funding to establish regional short-term (maximum of 45 days) crisis stabilization centers called child wellness campuses. Ratcliff spoke to the need for cost transparency and predictability language that would allow the Department of Children and Youth (DCY) to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for providers to share their rates for specific services.

Ashtabula County Commissioner and CCAO Human Services Committee Chair Kathryn Whittington submitted [written testimony](#) before the Senate Health Committee regarding CCAO's positions on various human services provisions in HB 96.

Commissioner Whittington's testimony urged support for the Executive budget's investment in child care through two amendments. SC-0460 would increase initial eligibility for publicly funded child care to 160% of the federal poverty level (FPL), up from 145% of the FPL. SC-0459 would appropriate an additional \$25 million in SFY 2027 for the Child Care Choice Voucher Program. Families up to 200% FPL are eligible for this program.

Commissioner Whittington's testimony asks the Senate to support amendments to:

- Remove language allowing a county to cease having a family and children first council (SC-0315).
- Remove language increasing the administrative burden for county department of jobs and family services regarding SNAP administration by prohibiting counties from using simplified or quarterly reporting procedures. The change is estimated to increase administrative costs by \$66 million in each fiscal year (SC-0220).

Agricultural Priorities

Wayne County Commissioner Jonathan Hofstetter on behalf of CCAO gave [testimony](#) to the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee. The commissioner touched on many issues from brownfield funding to H2Ohio and many other issues impacting county government.

Commissioner Hofstetter serves as the Chair of the CCAO Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee. The commissioner highlighted the importance of continued H2Ohio funding, through which more than 2 million acres of farmland have been enrolled in nutrient best management practices and more than 200 wetland projects have been completed and developed in Ohio.

His testimony praised the agricultural producers who are utilizing these best management practices and called on the Senate to restore H2Ohio funding levels back to the Governor's introduced budget. The Governor asked to flat fund the program at current levels, which is \$270 million over the two-year span. The House reduced proposed funding by \$120 million across all three state agencies that receive funds from the program. CCAO believes that the

Governor's introduced budget will better carry out H2Ohio's programming which will continue to benefit water quality within Ohio's waterways.

Commissioner Hofstetter also praised the House for their inclusion of brownfield and demolition monies. Almost all 88 counties utilized the previous cycle of funding for assessment projects or for cleanup/remediation purposes.

The inclusion of the \$250 million for brownfield projects will allow the program to address the outstanding assessment projects that continue to pose an environmental risk to Ohio. Commissioner Hofstetter also mentioned the importance of having every county be eligible for a select amount of funding, this way counties with fewer resources are not competing on a competitive basis with other counties.

A benefit of having the Brownfield Remediation Fund restored is to clean up sites that would prevent the loss of farmland within Ohio. Many brownfield sites already have utilities and services that are located on the property. With a site cleanup these utilities and services will become operational and can be redeveloped for the next project. Farmland in Ohio should not be viewed as a new business opportunity.

In Wayne County, farmland preservation is a priority for the board of commissioners and Commissioner Hofstetter encouraged continued funding within the state budget for state sponsored programs. The commissioner mentioned that Wayne County accounts for 11,000 acres being approved for enrollment within an Agricultural Security Area. This program allows local government to place up to a 75% tax exemption on the landowner's property or can be a smaller percentage as determined by the county or township.

The commissioner also mentioned support for a middle mile broadband project on U.S. Route 30 which will support 260 miles of fiber across all of Route 30. This project fills a gap in broadband infrastructure where middle mile infrastructure is currently nonexistent. The House included \$20 million in funding which will sufficiently support this project.

However, the funding source that was used came from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD). CCAO believes that the \$20 million allocated from BEAD will be deemed an illegal usage due to the program being a middle mile project. The commissioner made it clear that if the intention of both chambers is to fund this project, a change in the source of funding will have to be made.

For additional questions related to the indigent defense testimony, please contact Kyle Petty at kpetty@ccao.org.

For additional questions related to testimony within the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, please contact James Kennedy at jkennedy@ccao.org.

If you have questions regarding CCAO's human services priorities in the state operating budget, please contact Rachel Reedy at rreedy@ccao.org.

CCAO members advocate for their counties to Senate committees

During this week's Senate hearings on the budget, counties advocated on their own behalf on issues facing their communities.

Naloxone

Clermont County Commissioner David Painter and Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus [spoke to the Senate Health Committee](#) about the need to maintain funding for overdose prevention that Governor DeWine proposed, to restore the funding from proposed cuts by the House.

Both Commissioner Painter and Driehaus highlighted the lifesaving impact of naloxone has had in their communities. Governor DeWine proposed funding naloxone distribution in the Department of Health's budget through a line item funded at \$8.0 million in SFY 2026 and \$8.2 million in SFY 2027. In the House-Passed version, the funding for that line item was reduced to \$5.0 million in SFY 2026 and \$5.2 million in SFY 2027, a reduction of \$6 million over the biennium.

H2Ohio

Mercer County Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee [Theresa Dirksen testified](#) to the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources about the importance of H2Ohio to Mercer County. She highlighted the 85 acres of new wetland, 120 acres of prairie habitat, and 30 acres of forested land that have been restored and protected by the H2Ohio program.

House Committee hears multiple bills concerning vicious dogs

The House Public Safety Committee heard three separate bills that seek to change the law around dangerous canine attacks. The committee heard sponsor testimony on [House Bill 240](#) (Representatives Meredith Lawson-Rowe and Cecil Thomas), [House Bill 241](#) (Representative Cecil Thomas and Meredith Lawson-Rowe) and [House Bill 247](#) (Representative Kevin Miller). During the hearing, Representative Phil Plummer announced that he would be introducing a fourth bill to address the issue as well.

HB 240 would redefine “dangerous, nuisance and vicious dogs” to include those that attack, seriously injure or kill other companion animals; require dangerous dogs to carry at least \$100,000 in liability coverage; allow judges to order dogs who seriously injure or kill their victims to be destroyed; increase fines and penalties on owners of dogs having injured or killed people or other companion animals; and require medical providers, veterinarians and owners of violent dogs to report an attack within 24 hours of becoming aware of it, among other provisions.

The second bill, HB 241, would mandate a 10-day quarantine period for dogs that have attacked a person while the incident is investigated and, if the warden finds the dog should be removed from the community, would require a court hearing to determine the dog's fate.

The bill that is most likely to be the vehicle for this topic is HB 247. The bill would modify the process for the designation of a dangerous or vicious dog. It creates an expedited path towards a dangerous dog designation if the dog, without provocation, injures by physical

contact, other than killing or serious injury, any person; kills another dog or livestock; or causes serious injury to another dog or livestock that results in euthanasia of the animal by a person authorized to perform euthanasia under Ohio law.

The bill also modifies the vicious dog designation and creates an expedited path towards the designation if the dog without provocation: kills any person; causes serious injury to any person by physical contact; engages in a dangerous dog act after the dog has been designated as a dangerous dog by a court.

The bill would also increase penalties for dog owners when they fail to adequately control dogs already designated dangerous or vicious as well as owners who allow their designated vicious or dangerous dogs to run at large. HB 247 would further allow a dog to be seized for 10 days, a remedy currently barred by statute unless the dog was already designated “dangerous or vicious.” A probable cause hearing would follow and, if the attack was found to be unprovoked, could result in euthanasia of the dog.

HB 247 closely aligns with our CCAO platform positions on the issue. Representative Miller and members from the Ohio Dog Warden’s Association spoke with our General Government Committee this week. After a robust discussion with Representative Miller, the committee recommended that CCAO support HB 247. That position was supported by the full CCAO board at their meeting today.

If you need anything else or have any questions about any of these bills, please contact CCAO Managing Director of Policy Kyle Petty at kpetty@ccao.org or CCAO Outreach and Member Engagement Manager Rachel Reedy at rreedy@ccao.org.

President Painter, other commissioners give testimony on bills

This week, in addition to budget testimony described above, CCAO President and Clermont County Commissioner David Painter [provided written testimony](#) in support of [House Concurrent Resolution 6](#) (Representatives Joe Miller and Adam Holmes) to the House Government Oversight Committee. HCR 6 recognizes and urges continued support for America 250-Ohio, the state commission tasked with celebrating the upcoming 250th birthday of the United States. As CCAO President, Commissioner Painter serves on the commission.

In his testimony, he called attention to Ohio’s role in producing national leaders. “[Ohio has] produced seven presidents, nine Supreme Court justices, seven Secretaries of War/Defense, seven Secretaries of the Treasury, five Attorney Generals, three Secretaries of State, and, of course, our current Vice-President, J.D. Vance.”

The committee favorably reported the resolution at its hearing.

In the House Community Revitalization Committee, [CCAO Board of Directors Member and Sandusky County Commissioner Scott Miller](#) provided opponent testimony to [Senate Bill 147](#)

(Senator Bill Reineke), which creates a new method for a county to withdraw from a joint solid waste management district and adjusts some fees.

Miller discussed the potential impact that the bill would have on Sandusky County and how it would likely require the county to raise fees on its residents.

During the hearing, the committee accepted two amendments that make changes to the new, permissive construction and demolition debris fees included in SB 147. The fee will now be phased in over three years, with 75% of the revenue going to the health district and 25% of the revenue distributed to the Ohio EPA. The bill was also amended to restrict the permissive fee ability to only counties with a population between 53,000 and 58,000. The bill is slated for a third hearing next week.

Legislative Activity

Governor Signings

- [House Bill 15](#) (Representative Roy Klopfenstein): To amend the competitive retail electric service law, modify taxation of certain public utility property, and repeal parts of H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly.
 - CCAO supported the bill

Floor Votes

The Senate held floor votes this week regarding bills that may interest counties.

Senate

- [Senate Bill 63](#) (Senators Theresa Gavarone and Bill DeMora): To generally prohibit the use of ranked choice voting and to withhold Local Government Fund distributions from a municipality or chartered county that uses ranked choice voting
 - **PASSED BY VOTE OF 27-5**

Committee Hearings

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

House Children and Human Services

- [House Bill 2](#) (Representative Mark Johnson): To establish the Child Care Cred Program and to make an appropriation
 - Fourth hearing, no testimony
 - **AMENDED** to align the provisions of the bill with similar provisions in the operating budget bill.
 - **FAVORABLY REPORTED**
- [House Bill 41](#) (Representatives Andrea White and Bill Roemer): To establish certain child care grant programs, including those related to child care capacity and learning labs, and to make an appropriation.
 - Fourth hearing, no testimony
 - **FAVORABLY REPORTED**

House Community Revitalization

- [Senate Bill 147](#) (Senator Bill Reineke): To make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris and to provide for new procedures governing a county's withdrawal from a joint solid waste management district.
 - Second hearing, opponent testimony from Denlinger Construction Services, the Western Ohio Homebuilder's Association, and Hemmelgarn Services, and interested party testimony from Americans for Prosperity and Vance Environmental.

House General Government

- [House Bill 248](#) (Representative David Thomas): To make various changes regarding the Auditor of State.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

House Government Oversight

- [House Bill 29](#) (Representatives Latyna Humphrey and Marilyn John): Regarding inmates' access to feminine hygiene products and showers by municipal and county correctional facilities and state correctional institutions.
 - Fourth hearing, proponent testimony from a private individual.
 - **FAVORABLE REPORTED**
- [House Bill 223](#) (Representatives Ty Mathews and Bernard Willis): To prohibit the state or a political subdivision from purchasing a United States or Ohio flag that was not made in the United States.
 - Fourth hearing, proponent testimony from a private individual.

House Workforce and Higher Education

- [House Bill 98](#) (Representatives Nick Santucci and Josh Williams): To establish the Community Connectors Workforce Program and to make an appropriation.
 - Third hearing, no testimony
 - **AMENDED** to make changes relating to educational service centers.
 - **FAVORABLY REPORTED**

Senate Housing

- [Senate Bill 145](#) (Senators Michelle Reynolds and Hearcel Craig): To rename the Department of Development to the Department of Housing and Development and to otherwise modify the law related to housing.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony from the Ohio Land Bank Association, the Ohio Home Builders Association, and Ohio REALTORS
- [Senate Bill 184](#) (Senator Michelle Reynolds): To establish residential economic development districts and to create a grant program for housing developments within such districts.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony from the Business Roundtable, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Municipal League, and thirteen other organizations.

- [Senate Bill 192](#) (Senator Michelle Reynolds): To establish residential economic development districts and to create a grant program for housing developments within such districts.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony and interested party from a private individual

House Commerce and Labor

- [House Bill 180](#) (Representatives Roy Klopfenstein and Elgin Rogers): To prohibit adverse employment actions against employees who are absent from work while serving as, or training to be, precinct election officials.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony from the Putnam County Board of Elections
- [House Bill 227](#) (Representatives Monica Robb Blasdel and Mark Johnson): To modify excavation requirements.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony from the Ohio Gas Association, API Ohio, the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, the Ohio Utilities Protection Service, the Ohio Contractors Association, the Ohio Telecom Association, and DPAC.
- [House Bill 246](#) (Representatives D.J. Swearingen and Tex Fischer): To require certain construction industry employers to use E-verify and to sanction specified hiring practices in the industry.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony from ACT Ohio, Heritage Action for America, the America First Policy Institute, and a private individual.

Senate Judiciary

- [Senate Bill 101](#) (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 Ways and Means

- [House Bill 22](#) (Representatives Brian Lorenz and David Thomas): To increase the homestead exemption amount and income limit.
 - Fifth hearing, no testimony
 - **AMENDED** to limit the exemption to 10 years, remove marriage penalties, and require beneficiaries to have lived in Ohio for at least one year before claiming the exemption.
- [House Bill 120](#) (Representative Darnell Brewer and Jennifer Gross): To exempt from sales and use tax sales of firearm safety devices.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 143](#) (Representative Adam Mathews and Sean Brennan): To authorize an enhanced property tax homestead exemption for certain long-term homeowners.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 232](#) (Representative Adam Mathews and David Thomas): To modify the law governing certain property tax complaints.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

Senate Workforce Development

- [Senate Bill 183](#) (Senators Jerry Cirino and Michelle Reynolds): To require certain construction industry employers to use E-verify and to sanction specified hiring practices in the industry.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

Introduction of Bills

The following bill(s) that may be of interest to counties were introduced this week:

- [House Bill 261](#) (Representatives Tracey Richardson and Brian Lorenz): To increase the amount of the standard homestead exemption.
- [House Bill 264](#) (Representatives Tex Fischer and Adam Mathews): To prohibit certain government publications concerning candidates or ballot issues during the 30 days before an election.
- [House Bill 264](#) (Representatives Brian Lorenz and Jennifer Gross): To authorize a temporary property tax credit for certain continuously owned homesteads.
- [House Bill 272](#) (Representatives Justin Pizzulli and Monica Robb Blasdel): To prohibit the use of certain food dyes and additives, the release of substances into the atmosphere for certain purposes, and intentionally added PFAS in various products, and to revise the law governing fluoride.
- [House Bill 273](#) (Representative Jason Stephens): To modify the computation of the owner-occupancy property tax rollback and the applicability of the nonbusiness property tax rollback.
- [House Bill 274](#) (Representatives David Thomas and Thomas Hall): To require townships and municipal corporations to provide firefighting services and emergency medical services and to establish the Fire and EMS Shared Services Reimbursement Grant Program
- [Senate Bill 194](#) (Senator Tim Schaffer): To make various changes to public assistance benefits programs.
- [Senate Bill 195](#) (Senator Tim Schaffer): To make various changes to regarding volunteer fire departments and volunteer firefighters and to make an appropriation.
- [Senate Bill 197](#) (Senator Nathan Manning): To legalize internet gambling and levy a tax on businesses that provide internet gambling, to permit internet lottery gaming and online wagering on horse racing, to make other changes to the Gambling Law, and to make an appropriation
- [Senate Bill 199](#) (Senator Bill Blessing, III): To levy a fee on gross sports gaming wagers and to use revenue from the fee to support publicly owned professional sports facilities and interscholastic athletics.
- [Senate Bill 203](#) (Senator Tim Schaffer): To require political subdivisions to adopt a cybersecurity program.

Upcoming Committee Hearings

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

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

Tuesday, May 20

House Public Safety (9:30 a.m.)

- [House Bill 1](#) (Representatives Angela King and Roy Klopfenstein): To modify the law that prohibits certain governments, businesses, and individuals from acquiring certain real property and to name this act the Ohio Property Protection Act.
 - Third hearing, opponent and interested party testimony
- [House Bill 23](#) (Representatives Bill Roemer and Josh Williams): To create the escaped convict alert program.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony

House Finance (10:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 93](#) (Representatives Thomas Hall and Bride Rose Sweeney): To restore the Clean Ohio Fund to be administered by the Department of Development and the Clean Ohio Council.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

House Children and Human Services (10:45 a.m.)

- [Senate Bill 138](#) (Senator Terry Johnson): To modify various laws regarding boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services and to impose penalties for not registering recovery housing residences.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony

House Community Revitalization (3:15 p.m.)

- [Senate Bill 147](#) (Senator Bill Reineke): To make changes to the laws governing the transfer and disposal of solid waste and construction and demolition debris and to provide for new procedures governing a county's withdrawal from a joint solid waste management district.
 - Third hearing, all testimony
 - **POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS**

House Transportation (3:30 p.m.)

- [House Bill 151](#) (Representative Jason Stephens): To allocate a portion of any state revenue surplus to a program that funds certain road and bridge projects.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 251](#) (Representative Bernard Willis): To establish requirements related to the use of an unmanned aerial vehicle by law enforcement and to expressly incorporate additional aviation facilities into the Aeronautics Law.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 199](#) (Representatives Kevin Miller and Phil Plummer): To make changes to the laws governing all-purpose vehicles, off-highway motorcycles, snowmobiles, utility vehicles, and mini-trucks.
 - Third hearing, opponent and interested party testimony

House General Government (4:15 p.m.)

- [House Bill 264](#) (Representatives Tex Fischer and Adam Mathews): To prohibit certain government publications concerning candidates or ballot issues during the 30 days before an election.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 248](#) (Representative David Thomas): To make various changes regarding the Auditor of State.
 - Second hearing, proponent testimony

Wednesday, May 21

House Local Government (9:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 92](#) (Representatives Mark Johnson and Riordan McClain): Regarding limitations on recovery and lien imposition by municipalities against property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid water, sewer, and disposal services rates and charges.
 - Third hearing, opponent and interested party testimony

House Development (9:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 17](#) (Representative Brian Lorenz): To classify certain storage condominiums as residential property for tax purposes
 - Third hearing, opponent and interested testimony
- [House Bill 86](#) (Representative Steve Demetriou): To make changes to the law relating to tax foreclosures and county land reutilization corporations, and to name this act the Gus Frangos Act.
 - Fourth hearing, no testimony
 - POSSIBLE VOTE
- [Senate Bill 6](#) (Senator Kristen Roegner): To make changes to the law relating to building inspections.
 - Third hearing, opponent and interested testimony

House Commerce and Labor (11:00 a.m.)

- [House Bill 180](#) (Representatives Roy Klopfenstein and Elgin Rogers): To prohibit adverse employment actions against employees who are absent from work while serving as, or training to be, precinct election officials.
 - Third hearing, all testimony
 - POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS
- [House Bill 227](#) (Representatives Monica Robb Blasdel and Mark Johnson): To modify excavation requirements.
 - Third hearing, all testimony
 - POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS
- [House Bill 246](#) (Representatives D.J. Swearingen and Tex Fischer): To require certain construction industry employers to use E-verify and to sanction specified hiring practices in the industry.
 - Third hearing, all testimony

House Ways and Means (11:30 a.m.)

- [House Bill 22](#) (Representatives Brian Lorenz and David Thomas): To authorize a full homestead exemption for surviving spouses of members of the uniformed services killed in the line of duty.
 - Sixth hearing, all testimony
 - **POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS**
- [House Bill 89](#) (Representative Jean Schmidt): To authorize a temporary property tax reduction.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony
- [House Bill 156](#) (Representatives Thomas Hall and Dani Isaacsohn): To authorize a property tax freeze for certain owner-occupied homes.
 - First hearing, sponsor testimony