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## Property tax proposal to freeze valuation on commercial/industrial property passes Senate

The Ohio Senate passed 22-11 legislation [SB 235](#) which would freeze the valuation of commercial and industrial property until such property is issued an occupancy permit or other conditions are met. Opposing the measure were nine Democrats and two Republicans – Senator Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) and Senator Jay Hottinger (R-Newark).

The prime sponsors of the bill are Senators Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) and Bill Coley (R-Liberty Township). The Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber which strongly supports the bill issued a statement applauding the bill's passage saying it "supports economic prosperity in the Cincinnati region by removing an impediment for economic development."

Under the bill, the exemption would apply to all "newly developable property" and all "redevelopment property." "Newly developable property" is defined as real property on which no commercial or industrial operations are currently being conducted and on which construction of one or more commercial or industrial buildings is planned but for which a certificate of occupancy has not yet been issued. "Redevelopment property" is similarly defined as property on which one or more commercial or industrial buildings are or were situated, no commercial or industrial operations are currently being conducted, and construction or reconstruction of new commercial or industrial buildings is planned but for which a certificate of occupancy has not been issued.

The triggering event for the exemption would be the filing of an application by the property owner with the county auditor in which the property owner declares:

## SB 235

**Property tax proposal to freeze valuation for certain commercial/industrial property**

**Sponsors:** Sen. Beagle  
Sen. Coley

**CCAO Position:** Interested Party  
with Concerns

**Status:** House Rules Committee

### Key Provisions:

- Freezes valuation for industrial and commercial property that has received infrastructure improvements but has not been developed vertically or received an occupancy permit.

### CCAO Concerns:

- Legislation automatically provides favorable tax treatment if certain conditions are met, without input or control by local governments. In addition, the bill as drafted does not provide for a local agreement between the property owner and political subdivision, which would denote the percentage of tax valuation granted for a specific time period. Moreover, there is concern about how this tool works with other economic development incentives.

- The property is newly developable property or redevelopment property.
- The property is zoned to permit construction or reconstruction of a new commercial or industrial structure.

Under the legislation, the exemption from increased property taxes would cease whenever one of the following “trigger” events occurs:

- The owner obtains an occupancy permit for a commercial or industrial building or structure located on the property.
- The owner transfers title to the property to another person.
- The property is rezoned such that commercial or industrial buildings are not a permitted use.
- Any commercial or industrial operations are conducted on the property.

CCAO, the County Auditors Association of Ohio (CAAO), the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Township Association have raised concerns in testimony before the committee (link to CCAO testimony) and in conversations with legislators. Objections being raised by CCAO and others include:

- No Local Control – exemptions would be granted as a matter of right with no local approval, no tax exemption agreement, no private sector commitment of investment or jobs, and no control over the level or duration of the exemption
- No Local Opt in or Opt out Option – there is no authority to exempt property already subject to enterprise zones, tax increment financing, community reinvestment areas, and other areas subject to different economic development incentives. Local governments will not have the option of determining whether this type of exemption makes sense for their community.
- “Planned” development is undefined – the bill speaks to planned commercial or industrial development or redevelopment but does not define what this means.

The property tax exemption can continue for up to ten years before the value of the property would be reset for property tax purposes. After reset, the valuation is frozen for another ten years until a “trigger” event occurs. This pattern is repeated thereafter.

A Legislative Service Commission fiscal note indicates the magnitude of the revenue loss is “indeterminate,” however, the fiscal note adds that this bill will reduce property tax revenue for counties, schools, municipal corporations and townships on inside millage for as long such properties are not completely developed or redeveloped, up to the ten year reset point. Revenue generated for the ten inside mills goes up or down depending on the valuation of the property. Property tax reduction factors do not apply to inside millage which allows voted levies to receive adjustments in effective millage as the property tax valuation changes over time.

CCAO will be working with other interested parties to communicate our concerns to House members and work to give counties and other taxing districts more control over where and whether these exemptions will be granted. For additional information regarding this topic, contact Brad Cole or Cheryl Subler at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org) or [csubler@ccao.org](mailto:csubler@ccao.org) respectively.

## EPA MBR: Local water systems concerned with proposed notification requirements

The House Energy & Natural Resources Committee mostly heard from proponents of Ohio EPA's legislation to implement stricter lead contamination notification regulations, but it also heard concerns from a local water system operator. Jeff Swertfeger, a member of the Ohio Water Utility Council and superintendent of water quality and treatment for the Greater Cincinnati Water Works, told the committee that the new requirements will be tough for local water systems to meet.

Mr. Swertfeger's [testimony](#) came Tuesday during the second hearing of the mid-biennium review bill [HB 512](#). Although praising the bill's intent and the idea of a shorter timeline, he said the two-day notification will be difficult for local water utilities to meet. "The limit should be set at 15 days, half the time period in the current lead and copper rule," he said.



EPA Director Butler

"This bill does some very good things in that it will accelerate reporting timelines, will make system operators more aware of lead sources, and will provide monetary support for lead abatement efforts in the water sector," he said. "The purpose of my testimony is to inform the committee of the challenges water utilities are facing in protecting consumers from lead contamination and to offer suggestions to make the provisions of the bill more workable."

**HB 512-EPA MBR**

**Public Water System Regulations**

**CCAO Position:** Interested Party

**Status:** House Energy & Natural Resources Committee

**Key Provisions:**

- Expediting public notice of lead contamination
- Financial assistance to communities and schools to identify and prevent lead contamination.

Chairman Rep. Al Landis (R-Dover) questioned whether the group had talked with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency about addressing the concerns during the rulemaking process. Mr. Swertfeger said the discussion had not yet occurred. OEPA Director Craig Butler, who returned to speak before the committee after his sponsor testimony last week, said the agency is willing to talk to Mr. Swertfeger about his concerns. But he indicated the administration isn't likely to budge on the two-day notification.

"We fundamentally, I think, have a disagreement about how long it takes for a water system to report back to an individual," Mr. Butler said. "I think it is well within the capability technically of a water system."

During the bill's first hearing last week, lawmakers floated the idea of using social media, email and other technology to meet the notification guidelines. The witness said technology would be helpful for a large scale notification, but said it would do little to ease the administrative burden. "Email is certainly being used for notification, but that's not necessarily the constraining factor," Mr. Swertfeger said. "It's the tracking, making sure things get done within deadlines, the four or five types of reporting we have to do, following up to make sure reporting was done." Among Mr. Swertfeger's other recommendations for the bill:

- Allow local water utilities the flexibility to select corrosion control programs

- Limit corrosion control treatment studies to be required only when changes are made that might affect the corrosivity of the water
- Require the OEPA to develop "health-based acute and chronic exposure limits" for lead in drinking water based on peer reviewed scientific research
- Provide grants to remove lead service lines
- Authorize seed money for utilities to establish a loan program
- Install state tax incentives for lead service line removal
- Require the disclosure of lead service lines upon property transfer or rental agreement

Other witnesses expressed strong support for the measure, which also allots \$2 million to schools for lead testing and related drinking water improvements.

For additional information on water quality issues, please contact CCAO staffer Brian Mead at [bmead@ccao.org](mailto:bmead@ccao.org) or 614-220-7982.

## Senate committee accepts adult protective services sub bill

After an eight month hiatus to work with various stakeholders, Reps. Dovilla and Retherford brought [HB 24](#) back to the Senate Health and Human Services committee. Rep. Dovilla gave testimony to go over the major changes in the bill stating:

- HB24 was harmonized with the changes that were included in the FY16-17 budget bill.
- It clarifies the roles of Job and Family Services and law enforcement in dealing with elder abuse.
- It changes the definition of who exploits a senior from "caretaker" to "person."
- It expands the list of mandatory reporters of suspected abuse.

There were no questions from the committee but Senator Jones said she will ask the Legislative Service Commission to prepare an updated comparison document because it is her intent to move the bill up the priority list. The sub bill was accepted as the working bill for the group with no objections.

If you would like more information please contact CCAO Policy Analyst Kate Neithammer at 614-220-7996 or [kneithammer@ccao.org](mailto:kneithammer@ccao.org).

**HB 24**

**Adult Protective Services**

**Sponsors:** Rep. Dovilla  
Rep. Retherford

**CCAO Position:** Interested Party

**Status:** Senate Health & Human Services Committee

**Key Provisions:**

- Changes the definition of financial exploitation and expands the list of mandated reporters of elder abuse.

## **Local residency requirement prohibition bill passes House with project labor agreement (PLA) language, Senate panel moves companion residency requirement prohibition bill minus PLA language**

The Ohio House passed 51-42 legislation [SB 152](#) which would prohibit local residency requirements for public improvement projects. The House passed measure also included language intended to prevent local governments from using project labor agreements (PLA), agreements used by some public authorities and some private owners and contractors to minimize labor disputes associated with construction projects.

The underlying bill would prohibit any public authority (state, municipal corporation, county, township, ect.) in Ohio from requiring a contractor to employ certain percentages of individuals from the geographic area of the public authority for the construction or design of a public improvement. The bill also prohibits a public authority from providing a bid award bonus or preference to a contractor as an incentive to employ a certain number or percentage of individuals who reside in a defined geographic area of the public authority.

SB 152, as passed by the House, would prohibit state funds from being used for the purpose of constructing a public improvement by or on behalf of a political subdivision if the contract requires a contractor or subcontractor to enter into a project labor agreement.

The Ohio Senate rejected 25-8 the amended version of SB 152 when the bill was returned to the Ohio Senate for concurrence on House amendments to the bill. Separately, the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee voted to report a companion bill [HB 180](#) that would adopt the prohibition on residency requirements, but excluding the more controversial prohibition on PLA's.

Before the bill was reported, committee members narrowly rejected an amendment offered by Senator Tom Patton (R-Strongsville) that would have allowed counties with a population of at least 1.2 million (Cuyahoga) to implement local hiring quotas of up to 20 percent. Senator Patton joined Senator Frank LaRose (R-Copley Township) and three Democrats on the panel in voting in favor of the amendment.

It is expected that HB 180 which does not have the controversial PLA provisions will become the vehicle for enactment of the local residency prohibitions.

Providing written testimony in support of the legislation prohibiting local residency requirements was the Associated General Contractors of Ohio, the Ohio Contractors Association, American Council of Engineering Companies, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Businesses.

For additional information regarding this article contact CCAO staffer Brad Cole at [bcole@ccao.org](mailto:bcole@ccao.org).

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### **Office of Budget and Management Mid Biennium Review (MBR) introduced as HB 547.**

The OBM-MBR includes appropriation changes and adjustments, operating budget and prior MBR provision amendments, Capital bill and re-appropriations bill clean up, and tax provisions. Of interest to county officials are provisions to do the following:

- Ohio Healthier Buckeye Grant Pilot Program – the language in this bill transfers the unexpended, unencumbered portion of the \$5 million appropriation from FY 2016 to FY 2017 to ensure that all original appropriations will be available over the biennium. The state budget had originally appropriated \$5 million in SFY 2016 and \$6.5 million in SFY 2017.
- County Utility Services Tax – the language of the bill repeals the County Utility Services Tax, a tax that has been authorized since 1967, but never been used by a county.
- Convention Facilities Authority Property Tax Exemption – this language provides a property tax exemption for a convention facilities authority owned arena in a county with a population of more than 1 million, effectively limiting the provisions to Nationwide Arena in Columbus. OBM Director Tim Keen said that the amendment provides Nationwide Arena with the same tax treatment as similarly publicly owned facilities in Ohio.

OBM Director Keen provided testimony on HB 547 before the House Finance Committee this past week. This legislation is on a fast track and is expected to be enacted before the General Assembly adjourns later this spring.

**Medical Marijuana.** A bill to legalize medical marijuana in Ohio is expected to hit the House floor next week after being reported by a select committee Thursday. Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton), chairman of the House Select Committee on Medical Marijuana, said the bill [HB 523](#) is expected to come to a vote before the full House Tuesday after his panel voted unanimously to report it. He said he's confident the House will pass the bill. Rep. Schuring said he's been in talks with the Senate and expects them to pass it as well.

The bill allows patients with certain medical conditions to use marijuana if their doctor recommends it. Edibles, patches, oils, tinctures and plant material – vaporized but not smoked – would be allowed. Rules for who could grow and sell marijuana would be written by a bipartisan commission appointed by the governor and legislative leaders. The bill would prohibit smoking dried marijuana and would not allow people to grow their own.

The million-dollar question is whether this legislative proposal will be enough for voters who may see a ballot initiative that goes further in legalizing marijuana; public opinion polling has indicated Ohioans would approve a medical marijuana ballot measure. Many lawmakers do not like the idea of legalizing the drug for any use, and some lawmakers would rather be able to control legal cannabis through legislation instead of a law crafted by advocates or out-of-state interests. The Cleveland Plain Dealer's web site provides further information about the various proposals underway to legalize marijuana, which you can access [here](#). Also, feel free to contact CCAO Legislative Counsel John Leutz at [jleutz@ccao.org](mailto:jleutz@ccao.org) if you have questions.

## Bills Introduced



- [SB 321](#)** ■ **PUBLIC RECORDS** ([Faber, K.](#)) To create a procedure within the Court of Claims to hear complaints alleging a denial of access to public records and to modify the circumstances under which a person who files a mandamus action seeking the release of public records may be awarded court costs and attorney's fees. Am. 149.43, 2323.52, 2743.03, and 2746.04 and to enact section 2743.75
- [SB 322](#)** ■ **POLICE TRAINING** ([Hite, C.](#)) To require the Ohio peace officer training commission to develop and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed chiefs of police appointed on or after January 1, 2017, and to require newly appointed chiefs of police of villages, cities, and townships to attend the training course within six months of appointment as a chief of police. Am. 505.49, 737.052, and 737.15 and to enact section 109.804
- [SB 323](#)** ■ **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING** ([Jones, S.](#)) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law. Am. 307.627, 2151.421, 2151.422, 2151.99, 3701.701, 5153.16, 5153.175, and 5153.176
- [SB 324](#)** ■ **NURSE RATIOS** ([Skindell, M.](#)) To establish minimum ratios of direct-care registered nurses to patients in hospitals, to specify rights of registered nurses working in hospitals, and to prohibit retaliatory actions by hospitals against registered nurses. Am. 3727.50, 3727.51, 3727.52, and 3727.53 and to sections 3727.70 to 3727.78
- [SB 325](#)** ■ **RENEWABLE ENERGY** ([Jordan, K.](#)) To repeal the requirement that electric distribution utilities and electric services companies provide 12.5% of their retail power supplies from qualifying renewable energy resources by 2027, to repeal energy efficiency and peak demand reduction requirements for electric distribution utilities, and to modify the topics included in the Energy Mandates Study Committee report. Am. 717.25, 4905.31, 4928.01, 4928.02, 4928.142, 4928.143, 4928.20, 4928.61, 4928.62, 5501.311, and 5727.75, to enact new section 4928.64, and to repeal sections 1710.061, 4928.64, 4928.643, 4928.644, 4928.645, 4928.65, 4928.66, 4928.662, 4928.6610, 4928.6611, 4928.6612, 4928.6613, 4928.6614, 4928.6615, and 4928.6616 of the Revised Code; and to amend Sections 3 and 4 and to repeal Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 of Sub. S.B. 310 of the 130th General Assembly
- [SCR 21](#)** ■ **SMART CITY** ([Bacon, K.](#), [Tavares, C.](#)) 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.
- [SB 327](#)** ■ **OIL GAS LAW** ([Balderson, T.](#)) To revise provisions in the Oil and Gas Law governing unit operation and to specify that the discounted cash flow formula used to value certain producing oil and gas reserves for property tax purposes is the only method for valuing all oil and gas reserves. Am. 1509.28 and 5713.051
- [HB 540](#)** ■ **OIL AND GAS REVENUE** ([Cera, J.](#)) To limit the amount of revenue that may be credited to the Oil and Gas Well Fund and to allocate funds in excess of that amount to local governments and fire departments. Am. 1509.02, 1509.071, 1509.11, and 5749.02 and to enact sections 321.50, 321.51, 321.52, 505.96, 1509.075, and 3737.15.
- [HB 541](#)** ■ **CLEAN POWER PLAN** ([Landis, A.](#)) To prohibit any state agency from implementing the federal "Clean Power Plan." En. 3745.25.
- [HB 542](#)** ■ **POLLING PLACE HOURS** ([McColley, R.](#)) To specify the conditions under which a

court may order that a polling place be kept open for extended hours on the day of an election and to require a person who votes pursuant to such an order to cast a provisional ballot. Am. 3501.17, 3501.28, 3501.32, 3505.18, 3505.181, 3505.182, and 3505.183 and to enact sections 2505.40 and 3501.321.

**HB 543** ■ **ELECTION BOARDS** ([Ramos, D.](#)) To specify the conditions under which a board of county commissioners may establish one or more branch offices of the board of elections for in-person absent voting. Am. 3501.10, 3503.16, 3509.02, 3509.03, 3509.05, 3511.02, and 3511.10.

**HB 546** ■ **SCHOOL PATROL VOLUNTEERS** ([DeVitis, T.](#)) To authorize a board of education or governing authority of a school to enter into an agreement with a volunteer who is a current or retired law enforcement officer to patrol school premises to prevent or respond to a mass casualty event, to generally provide to a board of education or governing authority of a school and to such a volunteer immunity from civil liability for injury, death, or loss arising from the volunteer's services, and to provide a tax credit for volunteer service. Am. 5747.08 and 5747.98 and to enact sections 3313.94 and 5747.64.

**HB 547** ■ **APPROPRIATIONS ADJUSTMENTS** ([Smith, R.](#)) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs and to make appropriations. Am. 122.171, 124.152, 124.181, 124.382, 126.32, 127.19, 305.31, 305.42, 323.73, 3316.042, 4741.11, 5537.02, 5709.084, and 5747.51, to repeal sections 324.01, 324.02, 324.021, 324.03, 324.04, 324.05, 324.06, 324.07, 324.08, 324.09, 324.10, 324.11, 324.12, and 324.99 of the Revised Code, to amend Sections 207.190, 223.10, 229.10, 245.10, 263.50, 263.220, 305.30, 309.10, and 379.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, to amend Sections 263.10 and 371.10 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly, as subsequently amended, to amend Sections 273.10, 273.30, and 287.10 of Am. Sub. S.B. 260 of the 131st General Assembly, and to amend Sections 207.10, 207.80, 207.90, 207.100, 207.220, 207.280, 207.290, 221.10, and 239.10 of S.B. 310 of the 131st General Assembly.

## Hearing Schedule



### Tuesday, May 10

**House Session**, (Chr. [Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 11:00 am

**Senate Financial Institutions** ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Hughes, J.](#), 466-5981), Finance Hearing Rm., 11:15 am

**HB 317** ■ **IDENTITY THEFT** ([Maag, R.](#)) To enable the parents or guardian of a protected consumer to freeze that consumer's credit to protect the consumer from identity theft. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

**HB 303** ■ **DEED PROGRAM** ([Dever, J.](#), [McColley, R.](#)) To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed Program. --**4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

**House Finance** ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Smith, R.](#), 466-1366), Rm. 313, 1:00 pm

**HB 483** ■ **DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES** ([Amstutz, R.](#)) To modify programs administered by the Department of Developmental Disabilities and to make an appropriation. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

**SB 315** ■ **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING** ([Manning, G.](#)) To make supplemental appropriations related to



transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to declare an emergency. --2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

**HB 547** ■ **APPROPRIATIONS ADJUSTMENTS** ([Smith, R.](#)) To provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs and to make appropriations. --2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & amendments

**House Government Accountability & Oversight** ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Brown, T.](#), 466-8104), Rm. 114, 1:30 pm  
**SB 63** ■ **ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION** ([LaRose, F.](#)) To create an online voter registration system. --5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

**SJR 1** ■ **COMPENSATION COMMISSION** ([Faber, K.](#)) To establish the Public Office Compensation Commission. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments

**HB 503** ■ **AGENCY RULEMAKING** ([Duffey, M.](#)) To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**House Energy & Natural Resources** ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Landis, A.](#), 466-8035), Rm. 017, 1:30 pm or after session

**SB 293** ■ **NATURAL RESOURCES** ([Balderson, T.](#)) To revise specified laws relating to natural resources. --Informal Hearing-Sponsor

**HB 512** ■ **WATER SYSTEMS** ([Ginter, T.](#)) To establish requirements governing lead and copper testing for community and nontransient noncommunity water systems, to revise the law governing lead contamination from plumbing fixtures, to make appropriations to the Facilities Construction Commission for purposes of providing grants for lead fixture replacement in eligible schools, and to revise the laws governing the Water Pollution Control Loan and Drinking Water Assistance Funds. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

**House Judiciary** ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Butler, J.](#), 644-6008), Rm. 116, 3:30 pm

**SB 171** ■ **COURT PROCEEDINGS** ([Seitz, B.](#)) To enact the Uniform Interstate Depositions and Discovery Act. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**SB 204** ■ **DRIVERS LICENSE SUSPENSIONS** ([Seitz, B.](#)) To make the suspension of an offender's driver's license for a violation of specified drug offenses discretionary rather than mandatory, to authorize a court to terminate a driver's license suspension imposed for specified drug offenses committed out-of-state, to generally authorize a court to terminate a previously imposed mandatory suspension for specified drug offenses, to provide for the discretionary suspension of an offender's driver's license for possessing nitrous oxide in a motor vehicle, and to make consistent the provisions of law governing the ability of a court to grant limited driving privileges. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**HB 291** ■ **JUDGMENT HEARINGS** ([Young, R.](#), [Dever, J.](#)) To require notice and an opportunity for a hearing to a defendant before entry of judgment pursuant to a confession of judgment. --6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote

**HB 427** ■ **CRIMINAL RECORDS** ([Antani, N.](#)) To require the Attorney General to select a qualified third party to receive court notices of sealed or expunged criminal records and to require identified data repositories and web sites that receive those notices from the qualified third party to remove those records from their databases. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**HB 451** ■ **PROTECTION ORDERS** ([Boose, T.](#)) To provide that an individual's statutory priority to decide whether or not to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment for the individual's relative is forfeited if the individual is the subject of a temporary protection order or civil protection order and the relative is the alleged victim or if the individual and the relative are married and the parties to a divorce, dissolution, legal separation, or annulment proceeding. --4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

**HB 513** ■ **JURY DUTY** ([Gonzales, A.](#)) To permit a prospective juror who is a mother who is breast-feeding her baby to be excused from jury service. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

## Wednesday, May 11

**Senate Health & Human Services** ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Jones, S.](#), 466-9737), North Hearing Rm., 9:00 am

**HB 24** ■ **ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES** ([Retherford, W.](#), [Dovilla, M.](#)) To revise the laws governing the provision of adult protective services. --6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

**SB 311** ■ **FLU VACCINE** ([Patton, T.](#)) To require the Ohio Department of Health to prepare an influenza vaccine info sheet pertaining to older adults. --3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote

- [HB 230](#) ■ **CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY** ([Sprague, R.](#)) Regarding the practices of chemical dependency counseling and prevention services. --**4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**
- [SB 319](#) ■ **DRUG REGULATIONS** ([Eklund, J.](#)) To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**
- [SB 313](#) ■ **CANCER PROJECT** ([Lehner, P.](#)) Regarding the administration of, and eligibility for, the Ohio Breast and Cervical Cancer Project. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**
- [SB 314](#) ■ **HOSPITAL CARE** ([Lehner, P.](#)) To provide for the designation of a lay person to provide after-care to a hospital inpatient and participate in discharge planning. --**2nd Hearing-Proponent**
- [SB 287](#) ■ **DIABETES** ([Hite, C.](#)) To require state agencies to assess the incidence of diabetes in Ohio, to establish goals and plans to reduce that incidence, and to submit biennial reports with findings and recommendations for fiscal and legislative policies on diabetes prevention, treatment, and management. --**3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party**
- [HB 200](#) ■ **EPINEPHRINE ACCESS** ([Hagan, C.](#)) To permit epinephrine autoinjectors for which no prescriptions have been written to be stored and accessed for use in case of emergency. --**3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party**

[Senate Ways & Means](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Peterson, B.](#), 466-8156), South Hearing Rm., 9:30 am

- [SB 122](#) ■ **HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION** ([Gentile, L.](#)) To extend eligibility for the homestead exemption to elderly or disabled homeowners who did not receive the exemption for 2013 and have \$30,000 or more in Ohio adjusted gross income. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**
- [HB 466](#) ■ **TAX EXEMPTION** ([Smith, R.](#)) To specifically exempt digital advertising services from sales and use tax. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral**
- [SB 244](#) ■ **SALES TAX REFUNDS** ([Patton, T.](#)) To allow vendors to deduct or apply for a refund of sales tax remitted for bad debts on private label credit cards used to make purchases from the vendor. --**2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible amendments**
- [HB 182](#) ■ **DEVELOPMENT ZONES** ([Schuring, K.](#)) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**
- [HB 390](#) ■ **TAX EXEMPTION** ([Schaffer, T.](#), [Retherford, W.](#)) To exempt the sale of natural gas by a municipal gas company from the sales and use tax. --**3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**
- [HB 166](#) ■ **TAX LAWS** ([Green, D.](#)) To extend the deadline for filing an application for the homestead exemption or 2 1/2% property tax rollback to the end of the tax year, to require that auditors certify Local Government Fund allocations to subdivisions by regular or electronic, rather than certified mail, to require 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, to clarify the effect of certain certifications related to the repealed personal property tax, and to repeal laws requiring county auditors to issue permits for traveling shows, issue licenses for new merchandise public auctions, certify the annual state tax interest rate to local courts. --**5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

[Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [LaRose, F.](#), 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 10:15 am

- [SB 307](#) ■ **FAMILY LEAVE** ([Cafaro, C.](#)) To establish family and medical leave insurance benefits to provide paid leave to allow an individual to address the individual's own serious health condition, to care for a family member, or to bond with a new child and to exempt those benefits from personal income tax. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

[Senate Civil Justice](#) ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Bacon, K.](#), 466-8064), North Hearing Rm., 11:15 am

- [SB 296](#) ■ **VOTING HOURS** ([Seitz, B.](#)) To specify the conditions under which a court may order that a polling place be kept open for extended hours on the day of an election and to require a person who votes pursuant to such an order to cast a provisional ballot. --**4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**
- [HB 235](#) ■ **CCW LICENSES** ([Terhar, L.](#)) To waive the concealed carry license fee for active members of the armed forces and retired and honorably discharged veterans and to accept military experience with firearms as proof of competency with firearms regardless of when the applicant for a license acquired the experience. --**2nd Hearing-Proponent**

**[HB 387](#)** ■ **SMALL CLAIMS COURTS** ([Terhar, L.](#), [Dever, J.](#)) To raise the maximum allowable limit of the monetary jurisdiction of small claims divisions of municipal courts. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**[SB 308](#)** ■ **CHILD SUPPORT** ([Coley, B.](#)) To amend the child support laws. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

**[Senate Session](#)**, (Chr. [Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 pm

**[House Session](#)**, (Chr. [Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 pm

**Thursday, May 12**

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