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CCAO asks Senate for 50% indigent defense reimbursement

CCAO Legislative Counsel John Leutz appeared before the Senate Finance Committee Corrections Subcommittee to ask the Senate to provide 50 percent reimbursement to counties for their costs incurred in providing indigent defense representation. The House of Representatives included in its version of the state budget bill an additional appropriation beyond the amount submitted by the governor that would provide 50 percent reimbursement. CCAO is requesting the Senate provide leadership on this very important issue.

States have a constitutional mandate to provide legal representation to indigent persons. Ohio has chosen to transfer this responsibility to its counties, initially reimbursing them for 50 percent of the costs incurred for providing indigent counsel. Today, state reimbursement stands at 40 percent. \$12 million in additional GRF funding would provide 50 percent reimbursement. To provide context, the total GRF contribution, including this additional \$12 million CCAO is seeking, is still more than \$5 million below the GRF appropriation in 2009. While CCAO supports a longer-term transition of this responsibility for indigent defense from counties to the state, this important renewal of a 50/50 partnership is a priority for counties.

CCAO's budget priorities are to increase indigent defense reimbursement funding to 50 percent and to retain the adult protective services unfunded mandate protections in current law. To further review these priorities and other county budget issues, please click [here](#).

County Commissioners, County Executives, and County Council Members are urged to contact their Senator(s).

You are CCAO's best advocates!

CCAO President Mike Halleck is encouraging members, as they did for the House, to contact their state senator(s) and inform them that 50 percent reimbursement is a budget priority for

CCAO. When you talk with your senators, please urge them to support 50 percent reimbursement and to reach out to Sen. Joe Uecker, our Republican Senate sponsor, and Sen. Kenny Yuko, our Democratic Senate sponsor, to share their support for the amendment and sign on as a co-sponsor of the amendment.

Senate takes testimony on governor's severance tax proposal

Debate over Gov. John Kasich's proposed increase to oil and gas severance taxes continued Wednesday in the Senate, where lawmakers fielded industry opposition and were urged to direct more revenues to local governments. Testimony before the Senate Ways & Means Committee, which is reviewing the tax components of the biennial budget ([HB 64](#)), remain centered mostly on the governor's plan even though it was rejected and removed in its entirety by the House.



***Ginny Favede
Belmont County
Commissioner***

Belmont County Commissioner Ginny Favede said in her [testimony](#) the shale boom has brought "unique challenges" to the region. "Our infrastructure has continued to be placed under undue stress from the movement of equipment, supplies and water to drilling sites," she said. "We have witnessed increasing demands on our services, staff and equipment at the Courthouse, particularly within the county recorder's office. We are beginning to see housing difficulties because local citizens are being priced out of rental properties. The increase in population has led to increased expectations on our social services network. Increased demands upon law enforcement as drilling activity has increased have led to difficulty in housing at our county jail. Overcrowding will require facility expansion and has our offices understaffed throughout the county."

"In order for our area to grow, we need to capitalize on these resources and be able to develop a long-term viable, sustainable economy for our region and the state of Ohio," Favede added.

She said the percentage of tax revenue the governor's plan would have directed to local governments is inadequate.

"We ask that at least 50 percent of the severance tax revenues remain at home for distribution within the impacted counties. The current proposal falls 30 percent short of that," she said.

CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney concurred with Commissioner Favede noting that CCAO "supports raising the severance tax on oil and natural gas to a rate reasonably similar to the severance tax rates by other oil producing states, with significant revenue to be returned to local governments with special emphasis to impacted counties."

CCAO, the Ohio Municipal League and the Ohio Township Association also submitted a [joint proposal](#) for the distribution of severance tax to the local communities.

The industry, on the other hand, asked the Senate to follow the House and eliminate any severance tax provisions from the budget bill. Shawn Bennett, executive vice president of the Ohio Oil & Gas Association, and other opponents cited a downturn in oil and gas prices and other factors impacting the industry in Ohio in arguing that a tax increase at this time is untimely and doesn't take into account the higher cost of extracting the resources from the state's shale plays. Bennett said last December, Ohio had a record of 59 rigs operating in the Utica Shale area, but since then, more than half of those rigs have left the state, leaving only 26 rigs operational. Bennett said any specter of a tax hike "only serves as a deterrent to future recovery, growth and stability in Ohio's oil and gas industry." As written in the current proposal, Bennett said that the state would give the authority to the Tax Commissioner to tax Ohio producers based on the average quarterly spot price from a publicly available source, determined by the Tax Commissioner, in essence, giving the commissioner free reign to tax the industry for a price we didn't actually receive.

Chris Zeigler, executive director of the American Petroleum Institute's Ohio branch, echoed the concerns raised by Bennett while pushing for the severance tax revenue to remain focused on covering regulatory costs. Zeigler noted his group is opposed to any increased severance tax provisions being added to HB 64, claiming that Ohio already faces a competitive disadvantage compared to other states, even those with higher severance taxes.

CCAO testifies in Senate on general tax provisions of HB 64

During her appearance before the Senate Ways and Means Committee, CCAO Executive Director Suzanne Dulaney ([testimony](#)) in addition to her comments indicating CCAO's support for a severance tax and a significant return of its revenue to local governments in the shale play area, briefed senators on CCAO's positions on the local government fund (LGF), sales tax and tangible personal property tax reimbursements addressed in the budget.

The LGF, she said, "should be stabilized, particularly as state revenues increase." If the Senate is inclined to modify taxes, she added, "We ask that steps are taken to protect the local government distributions and the services they support should the overall impact of the tax reforms negatively impact the LGF."

In addition, Dulaney said, "Another increase in the state sales tax rate included in HB64 does begin to raise concerns about both the state and counties becoming more reliant on the same source and its impact on influencing purchasing decisions in boarder counties."



Suzanne Dulaney
CCAO Executive
Director

Dulaney also noted that the administration's plan to resume the phase-out of TPP and utility tax reimbursements would lead to seven counties seeing that funding cease in August: Adams, Gallia, Henry, Monroe, Morgan, Pike, Shelby, Union and Washington.

Healthier Buckeye/Comprehensive Case Management proposals further developed and explored

This week, House leaders introduced legislation encompassing components of both the as-introduced and House-passed versions of the state biennial budget that have been proposed with the goal to help elevate individuals off public assistance through intensive, person-centered case management. [HB 196](#), jointly sponsored by Speaker Pro Tempore Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster) and House Community and Family Advancement Committee Chairman Tim Derickson (R-Oxford), includes provisions the legislators hope to vet and have prepared in advance of the state budget's conference committee process, during which leaders from the House and Senate work out differences between their respective versions of the bill.

The bill includes:

- A modified version of the Administration's proposed Comprehensive Case Management and Employment program, which gives approval authority to the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Council. (The bill maintains the requirement that commissioners designate either the CDJFS or OhioMeansJobs County Center to administer and serve as the fiscal agent for the program.);
- The House-passed language around the Prevention, Retention and Contingency Program (which is funded through counties' TANF allocations);
- Requirements on boards of county commissioners to designate a local healthier buckeye council and staff.
- Language establishing the Healthier Buckeye Grant program, which would provide grants to local healthier buckeye councils.
- Language adding representatives, including from CCAO and JFSDA, to the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Council and strengthening its authority.

Rep. Amstutz hosted an interested party meeting on the legislation yesterday, which was attended by representatives from the Administration, CCAO, JFSDA and advocate groups. The bill is scheduled to receive proponent testimony in the House Community and Family Advancement Committee next week. (Click [here](#) to see members of that committee.)

Concurrently, the Senate has yet to unveil their proposal for the budget in this realm. Public testimony in the Senate Finance Workforce Subcommittee, which is overseeing the ODJFS

budget, will begin next week. (Click [here](#) to see members of that subcommittee.) For additional information or to share your thoughts, please contact CCAO Staffer Laura Abu-Absi at labu-absi@ccao.org or (614) 220-7996.

Senate leads discussion on workers' comp/PTSD bill

A key Senate leader yesterday convened an interested parties meeting on SB 5 (Patton, Brown), which would allow for purposes of workers' compensation coverage to first responders who are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) without an accompanying physical injury.

Senate Finance Chairman Scott Oelslager (R-North Canton) led the discussion, which was attended by several parties, including CCAO and the Ohio Municipal League, private business associations, the Ohio Association of Justice and other trial lawyer representatives, the Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association, and NAMI Ohio.

Sen. Oelslager indicated the purpose of the discussion was to ensure all interested parties had an opportunity to put their positions and suggestions on the table. No resolution was reached, and an indication was made that there may be future interested party discussions.

There was some conversation around whether health insurance or workers' compensation insurance was the best path for first responders to receive timely, appropriate treatment for PTSD incurred from workplace events. One additional alternative discussed was employee assistance programs.

SB 5 is currently pending in the Senate Finance Committee, to which it was re-referred after being reported out by the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Labor Committee.

CCAO staff will continue to stay engaged in these conversations. For additional information or to share comments/questions, please contact CCAO Senior Policy Analyst Laura Abu-Absi at labu-absi@ccao.org or (614) 220-7996.

State Auditor proposes limit on special interest ballot issues

As lawmakers consider ways to beat back a pending ballot issue to legalized marijuana, Auditor of State Dave Yost unveiled his proposal to prevent groups from trying to amend the constitution to benefit themselves.

ResponsibleOhio's proposed constitutional amendment, which would specify 10 commercial marijuana growing locations in the state's founding document, has generated considerable pushback among officeholders as the proposal seems increasingly likely to reach the fall ballot.

Auditor Yost told the Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission's Constitutional Revisions & Updating Committee that his plan would protect the constitution from "special interests" like ResponsibleOhio or the casino issue that voters approved several years ago.

"The constitution shouldn't be somebody's paycheck. The constitutional initiative, a process that was designed to protect the many against the powerful few, has been hijacked by the powerful few for their own purposes," he said. "Now that the trail has been blazed, others will surely follow."

Under his proposed amendment, the secretary of state would be able to refuse to certify any issue that would "create, directly or indirectly, an economic interest, benefit, right, license or monopoly to an individual or group of individuals ... that is unavailable to other similarly situated individuals or groups of individuals."

Moreover, any attempt to bypass the special economic interest prohibition would have to be done by a stand-alone ballot issue approved in a subsequent election, he said.

Auditor Yost asked the committee to take action on the issue quickly.

Chairman Dennis Mulvihill told the auditor that the OCMC process is too lengthy to finalize a recommendation that the General Assembly could take action on prior to the August deadline to place a constitutional amendment on the ballot. However, he noted that lawmakers could act sooner - an idea that several members endorsed.

OCMC Co-Chairman Rep Ron Amstutz (R-Wooster), House speaker pro tem, said the issue was a priority and indicated that lawmakers might attempt to fight the ResponsibleOhio measure through statutory changes, as well as a constitutional amendment.

"There's some recent activity in our constitution that would strongly suggest that we need to get very focused on protecting ourselves from excessive self-interests," he said in an interview. "And that might be a range of things. It wouldn't necessarily be a constitutional amendment."

Senate leadership is also amenable to taking action on a plan to restrict ballot access for special economic interests, according to a Republican caucus spokesman.

SB 310 Energy Mandate Study Committee – Update

As the Energy Mandates Study Committee continues gathering input, members are considering the possibility of extending the two-year freeze on green energy standards that the legislature adopted last year.

A key consideration for the panel is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's coming regulations on carbon dioxide emissions from power plants, which call on states to cut CO2 emissions by 30 percent from 2005 levels to 2030 (Rule 111(d)).



Sen. Troy Balderson

While environmentalists argue that the requirements for renewable energy and energy efficiency will help Ohio comply with the federal rules, some committee members say uncertainty surrounding the proposal makes a strong case for waiting. In a *Gongwer New* article, Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville), co-chairman of the Energy Mandates Study Committee, said he's not a fan of the wait-and-see approach, but Co-Chairwoman Rep. Kristina Roegner (R-Hudson) is leaning toward an extension of the freeze. While much of the debate has centered on the state's requirements for utilities to generate 12.5 percent of their power from renewable sources by 2027, Sen. Balderson said he's more focused on the energy efficiency standards and would like to see them reinstated, albeit at a less aggressive rate than outlined in current law.

Rep. Roegner recalled that Craig Butler, Ohio Environmental Protection agency director, told the study committee that there were too many unanswered questions about the draft rules to determine whether or not the state's alternative energy portfolio would help the state comply.

For example, she noted that Butler said the rules calculate reduction targets based on 2012 levels, rather than 2005 as the administration initially said. The OEPA director said carbon emissions from Ohio plants have already dropped 138 million tons over the past 10 years.

"It's a shame because all that work that we did will not be counted," Rep. Roegner said.

While Butler asked the panel to avoid placing "legislative handcuffs" on the agency's ability to respond to the federal regulations, Rep. Roegner was unsure whether extending the clean energy freeze or allowing the standards to resume would better respond to his request.

"He was very cautious to recommend any policy changes," she said. "I think he was intentionally vague on that."

Samantha Williams, staff attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council, said her group's modeling shows that Ohio can rely on its clean energy law to comply with 111(d), even after the freeze and changes in the bill that made it easier for utilities to reach the benchmarks are taken into account.

The committee on Thursday heard witnesses argue the case for energy efficiency requirements as members deliberate on whether or not Ohio should continue the two-year freeze implemented last year.

Scientist Charles Goldman, division director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, briefed the panel on his research into the costs and benefits of energy efficiency programs that utilities use to comply with states' requirements to cut customer consumption - a 22 percent reduction by 2027 in Ohio.

With EE incentives and administrative costs weighing in at less than one cent per kilowatt hour saved, Ohio's energy efficiency programs are among the cheapest out of dozens of states the Berkeley Lab analyzed, he said, noting that the data was based on utility reports from 2009 to 2011. EE program administrators, which are utilities in Ohio, pay roughly half of the total cost of saved energy, which amounts to 4.6 cents per kWh nationally, he said. Customers who participate in the programs pay the other half.

Mr. Goldman said even though many EE measures are already in place around the country, new technology is constantly developing that will make continued savings achievable in years to come. While EE comes with a cost, it is relatively cheap compared to building new power plants, he said. He asserted that even customers who don't take advantage of EE programs, like rebates for energy efficient appliances, still benefit since it reduces aggregate demand, putting downward pressure on wholesale energy costs.

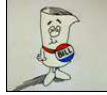
Some members of the Energy Mandates Study Committee would like to see Ohio's EE standards resume, while others favor extending the freeze. With a Sept. 30 deadline to issue a report to the legislature, committee members have not yet formally begun discussing recommendations. However, some members, like Rep. Roegner, would like to see the two-year freeze extended beyond 2017, when its set to resume under last year's energy bill (SB310, 130th General Assembly).

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

Statehouse Etc.

Medicaid lawsuit settled. This week, a settlement was reached between the Ohio Department of Medicaid and plaintiffs in a suit filed by the Legal Aid Society of Columbus and others (Homewood, et. al. v. McCarthy). The settlement agreement will impact an estimated 154,000 Ohioans and end further legal proceedings in a case against Department of Medicaid Director John McCarthy from Medicaid recipients who alleged the state failed to passively re-determine their eligibility. It is likely county JFS departments will be involved in reinstating eligibility.

Bills Introduced



- SB 160 HOTEL INTERMEDIARIES** ([Hughes, J.](#), [Patton, T.](#)) To require hotel intermediaries to collect and remit applicable sales and use tax on the full amount paid for hotel lodging, to require hotel intermediaries to supply customers with itemized invoices, to specify that a hotel intermediary is presumed to have "substantial nexus" with Ohio if the intermediary arranges lodging at Ohio hotels, and to specify that hotels are not liable for the failure of a hotel intermediary to properly collect or remit applicable taxes. Am. 351.021, 353.06, 5739.01, 5739.09, 5739.12, 5739.13, 5741.01, 5741.12, and 5741.13 and to enact section 5739.081
- SB 161 SEARCH WARRANTS** ([Oelslager, S.](#)) To authorize probate judges to issue search warrants. Am. 2931.01
- HB 196 HEALTHIER BUCKEYE COUNCILS** ([Amstutz, R.](#), [Derickson, T.](#)) To require boards of county commissioners to establish local healthier buckeye councils; to rename the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Advisory Council the Ohio Healthier Buckeye Council and to expand its duties; to establish the Healthier Buckeye Grant Program; to establish the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program; and to make changes to the law governing the Prevention, Retention, and Contingency Program. Am. 355.02, 355.03, 355.04, 5101.90, 5101.91, 5101.92, 5108.01, 5108.04, 5108.06, 5108.07, 5108.09, and 5108.11; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in parentheses, sections 5108.03 (5108.05) and 5108.05 (5108.041); to enact new section 5108.03 and sections 5101.901, 5101.902, 5101.93, 5108.021, and 5108.022; and to repeal section 5108.03 of the Revised Code
- HB 198 HUMANE SOCIETIES** ([Hambley, S.](#), [Johnson, G.](#)) To abolish the humane society's authority to employ an attorney to prosecute certain violations of law dealing with animal cruelty or acts involving mistreatment or nonsupport of children. Am. 2931.18
- HB 203 STARTUP OHIO** ([Stinziano, M.](#)) To establish the Startup Ohio initiative in which universities and partnering business may collaborate in tax-free areas near campuses in this state to create jobs, attract entrepreneurs, and spur academic enrichment and to direct the Director of Budget and Management to transfer \$100 million to the Ohio Venture Capital Program Fund. Am. 150.03, 322.02, 5739.02, 5739.03, 5747.01, and 5751.01 and to enact sections 195.01 to 195.14 and 5709.071
- HB 204 POLICE TRAINING** ([Derickson, T.](#), [Manning, N.](#)) To prohibit the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission from recommending and the Attorney General from adopting a rule limiting the number of hours of basic training required for peace officers and to generally require all persons newly appointed to a peace officer position to have received a high school diploma or certificate of high school equivalence. Am. 109.73, 109.74, and 109.77.
- HB 205 SELF-INSURING EMPLOYERS** ([Henne, M.](#), [Retherford, W.](#)) To modify the requirements for an employer to become a self-insuring employer for purposes of the Workers' Compensation Law, to transfer authority over the workers' compensation self-insurance program to the Superintendent of Insurance, and to allow certain employers and groups of employers to obtain workers' compensation coverage from a private workers' compensation insurer. Am. 9.315, 1561.04, 1561.31, 1701.86, 1729.55, 2705.05, 2913.48, 3121.01, 3121.0311, 3701.741, 3702.51, 3937.01, 3955.05, 3964.02, 4121.121, 4121.31, 4121.44, 4121.50, 4121.61, 4121.65, 4121.66, 4123.01, 4123.026, 4123.25, 4123.292, 4123.34, 4123.342, 4123.35, 4123.351, 4123.352, 4123.38, 4123.411, 4123.412, 4123.416, 4123.46, 4123.50, 4123.51, 4123.511, 4123.512, 4123.54, 4123.63, 4123.65, 4123.74, 4123.75, 4123.79, 4123.80, 4123.81, 4123.82, 4123.83, 4123.84, 4123.85, 4123.93, 4123.931, 4125.05, and 5119.332; to amend, for the purpose of adopting new section numbers as indicated in

parentheses, sections 4123.35 (3971.03), 4123.351 (3971.09), and 4123.352 (3971.12); to enact new sections 4123.35 and 4123.351 and sections 3971.01, 3971.04, 3971.05, 3971.06, 3971.07, 3971.08, 3971.10, 3971.11, and 3971.15; and to repeal section 4123.353.

HB 206 WORKERS COMPENSATION CLAIMS ([Henne, M.](#)) To require the Industrial Commission to keep statistics on individual hearing decisions of contested workers' compensation claims Am. 4121.36.

HB 207 WORKERS COMPENSATION ([Henne, M.](#), [McColley, R.](#)) To allow a state fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience Am. 4123.291, 4123.93, and 4123.931 and to enact section 4123.932.

HB 210 GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTS ([Green, D.](#)) Regarding certain accounts of county agencies and county elected officials. Am. 325.071, 325.12, and 2981.13 and to enact sections 319.70, 319.71, 319.72, and 319.73.

Hearing Schedule



Tuesday, May 19

House Agriculture & Rural Development ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Hill, B.](#), 644-6014), Rm. 116, 9:30 am

HB 131 ANIMAL DISEASES ([Pelanda, D.](#)) To include diseases of concern within the scope of the Animal Diseases Law, and to make changes to the laws governing weights and measures, livestock dealers, and auctioneers, the membership of the Farmland Preservation Advisory Board, and the pesticide licensing renewal process. **--4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

HB 80 AGRITOURISM ([Burkley, T.](#)) 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. **--3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments, substitute & vote**

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

Senate Medicaid ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Burke, D.](#), 466-8049), Finance Hearing Rm., 11:00 am

- 11 am: Infant mortality panel
- 2:30 pm: Advanced Payment Model panel
- 3:30 pm: Public testimony (Primary topic: Infant mortality and Advanced Payment Model)

Senate Finance: Workforce Sub. ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Beagle, B.](#), 466-6247), North Hearing Rm., 11:00 am

- Invited budget testimony from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and all public testimony

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

House Ways & Means ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [McClain, J.](#), 644-6265), Rm. 121, 1:30 pm

HB 9 TAX EXPENDITURES ([Boose, T.](#)) To create a Tax Expenditure Review Committee for the purpose of periodically reviewing existing and proposed tax expenditures. **--4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

HB 26 BULLION SALES ([Maag, R.](#), [Hackett, B.](#)) To exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use of investment metal bullion and coins. **--4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote**

HB 150 HOTEL INTERMEDIARIES ([Grossman, C.](#), [Scherer, G.](#)) To require hotel intermediaries to collect and remit applicable sales and use tax on the full amount paid for hotel lodging, to require hotel intermediaries to supply customers with itemized invoices, to specify that a hotel intermediary is presumed to have "substantial nexus" with Ohio if the intermediary arranges lodging at Ohio hotels, and to specify that hotels are not liable for the failure of a hotel intermediary to properly collect or

remit applicable taxes. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

House Transportation & Infrastructure ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Boose, T.](#), 466-9628), Rm. 018, 2:30 pm
HB 159 **LICENSE PLATES** ([Johnson, T.](#), [Patmon, B.](#)) To require that motor vehicles carry only one license plate to be displayed on the rear of the vehicle, and to amend the version of section 4503.21 of the Revised Code that is scheduled to take effect January 1, 2017, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

HB 107 **SPEED LIMITS** ([Stinziano, M.](#), [Retherford, W.](#)) To permit a person or neighborhood association or organization to request the Director of Transportation to reduce the speed limit on the street or highway of the person's residence or a street or highway located within the area of representation of the association or organization if the street or highway has a speed limit of not more than 35 miles per hour, and to permit a person or neighborhood association or organization to request the Director or a local authority to erect a stop sign at an intersection where currently no stop sign is present. --
3rd Hearing-All testimony

House Armed Services, Veterans Affairs & Public Safety ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Johnson, T.](#), 466-2124), Rm. 017, 3:30 pm
HB 173 **VETERAN IDENTIFICATION** ([Anielski, M.](#), [Terhar, L.](#)) To authorize county recorders to issue Ohio veterans identification cards. --1st Hearing-Sponsor

Wednesday, May 20

Senate Ways & Means ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Peterson, B.](#), 466-8156), South Hearing Rm., 9:00 am

- Testimony on tobacco tax and other tax policies

Senate Medicaid ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Burke, D.](#), 466-8049), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:00 am

- 9 am: MyCare panel
- 10:30 am: Behavioral health integration panel
- 1:30 pm: Public testimony (Primary topic: MyCare and behavioral health integration)

House Economic & Workforce Development ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Baker, N.](#), 466-0961), Rm. 114, 9:00 am
HB 182 **DEVELOPMENT ZONES** ([Schuring, K.](#)) To revise the law governing the creation and operation of joint economic development districts (JEDDs) and enterprise zones. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

HB 175 **GLOBAL MARKET OPPORTUNITIES** ([Barnes, J.](#)) To establish the "Access to Global Market Opportunities for Ohio Manufactured Products Program" to be composed of the "Ohio Global Leadership Initiative" and the "Global Initiative on International Relations" to create new, untapped global markets for Ohio businesses and thereby promote job creation. --2nd Hearing-Proponent

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Terhar, L.](#), 466-8258), Rm. 122, 10:00 am

HB 134 **BLIGHTED PROPERTY FORECLOSURES** ([Grossman, C.](#), [Curtin, M.](#)) To establish summary actions to foreclose mortgages on vacant and abandoned residential properties, to expedite the foreclosure and transfer of unoccupied, blighted parcels, to make other changes relative to residential foreclosure actions, and to terminate certain provisions of this act on December 31, 2019, by repealing sections 3767.51, 3767.52, 3767.53, 3767.54, 3767.55, and 3767.56 of the Revised Code on that date. --3rd Hearing-Opponent

Senate Finance: Higher Education Sub. ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Gardner, R.](#), 466-8060), South Hearing Rm., 1:00 pm

- Public testimony

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

House State Government ([Committee Record](#)), (Chr. [Maag, R.](#), 644-6023), Rm. 121, 2:00 pm or after session
HB 130 **DATA OHIO 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.--2nd Hearing-Proponent

[Senate State & Local Government \(Committee Record\)](#), (Chr. [LaRose, F.](#), 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 1:30 pm
[HB 153](#) ■ **PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY DATE** ([Dovilla, M.](#)) To change the date on which presidential primary elections are held. --1st Hearing-All testimony

Thursday, May 21

[Senate Finance: Corrections Sub. \(Committee Record\)](#), (Chr. [Uecker, J.](#), 466-8082), North Hearing Rm., 10:00 am

- Public testimony on budget

[House Session, Senate Session](#), (Chr. [Rosenberger, C.](#), 466-3357; Chr. [Faber, K.](#), 466-4900), House Chamber, 11:00 am

- Military Medals of Distinction Ceremony
-