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MBR bills heading to Conference Committee

This week Senate lawmakers put their stamp on two high-profile bills containing the main Appropriations MBR ([HB 483](#)) and Education MBR ([HB 487](#)) provisions of the mid-biennium review budget. The bills now will head to conference committee. Speaker Bill Batchelder (R-Medina) has said that he hopes to wrap up conferences next week before adjourning for the summer break.

Municipalities were hit with a few surprises this week when the Senate added language dealing with Municipal Income Tax filings. Cities and villages with municipal income tax ordinances are now required to report annual breakdowns of municipal revenue generated by residents versus nonresident taxpayers.

Ohio Municipal League (OML) sent a letter to lawmakers outlining their concerns on the amendment language. Among the group's issues with the language:

- nearly 600 Ohio cities and villages with local income taxes would need to compel mandatory filing for all taxpayers, regardless of tax obligation to a municipality where they work or live;
- not all municipalities currently require mandatory filings, making the new mandate an unnecessary burden on many taxpayers;
- and that information collection would need to be done manually by smaller communities.

OML believes House-passed municipal tax collections legislation (HB 5) pending before the Senate Finance Committee is a more appropriate forum for such significant changes in state statute.

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) questioned the arguments against the amendment, saying he believes the league's "raising concerns that aren't supported by the facts. "The amendment just says they have to report to the department of tax what percentage of their revenue comes from nonresidents versus residents. That's what they have to report," he told reporters after session. Mr. Faber said he didn't believe it would require all municipal taxpayers to file returns.

Other Amendments of note of interest to counties:

Recovery of sales tax overpayments -- Extends the period from up to 24 months to 36 months counties may have to pay back to the state sales tax overpayments.

Disclosure of sales and use tax information to counties – Authorizes the disclosure of sales and use tax return and audit information to boards of county commissioners as necessary to verify vendor compliance with a county’s sales and use taxes.

Property tax complaints – Limits the right to file property tax complaints to the property owner, the owner’s spouse, certain agents of the owner or spouse, or the recorder of the county in which the property is located. (Allows other parties, currently allowed to file original complaints, only to file counterclaims.)

Water-works tangible personal property tax assessment – Requires that all new water-works company tangible personal property first subject to taxation in tax year 2014 or thereafter be assessed at 25% of its capitalized cost less depreciation allowances.

Transfer of public property to development corporations – Enables a board of county commissioners to transfer property to a development corporation. Earlier this year an Attorney General’s opinion provided that commissioners could transfer land but not buildings. The language added to HB 483 enables buildings to also be transferred.

State public notice web site – Enables the outsourcing of the state’s public notice web site, practically enabling the Ohio Newspaper Association to manage the site. This should facilitate the legal notices published in newspapers to automatically be uploaded on the “state” web site with no additional costs to public offices.

Adult Protective Services (APS) & Children Services funding – Establishes separate workgroups for these two purposes to make recommendations about a distribution method for the additional \$10 million that was added by the Ohio House for APS and children services.

Caseworker and county department evaluation system – Requires ODJFS to establish an evaluation system that rates caseworkers and county departments of job and family services in terms of their success with helping public assistance recipients obtain employment that enables the recipients to cease relying on public assistance. The system is to provide for caseworkers’ and county departments’ ratings under the system to be updated at least annually.



Ohio Workers First Employment Incentive Pilot Program – Requires ODJFS to establish the Ohio Workers First Employment Incentive Pilot Program. The pilot is to be operated for three years in counties served by five county JFS departments. The pilot is to provide a bonus to a caseworker in such a department each time a former Ohio Workers First participant who the caseworker helped find employment has not return to/qualify for the program for six months. ODJFS is to allocate \$50,000 in FY 2015 from the TANF Block Grant to each of the five county JFS departments participating in the pilot program; the funds are to cover administrative expenses the county departments incur for participating in the pilot program.

Workgroup to reduce public assistance reliance – Creates the Ohio Family Stability Commission in ODJFS for a four year period with the following annual goals: (1) During the first year, conduct research and formulate recommendations for consideration by the General Assembly and other offices concerning specified societal issues that impact the stability of families in Ohio and provide those entities with strategies for addressing such; (2) During the second year, advise the entities on ways to implement the recommendations formulated during the Commission’s first year of operation; and (3) During the third and fourth years, continue to provide advice on implementation and issues reports.

County boards of developmental disabilities appointments – Requires a board of county commissioners to appoint a county DD board at least two members who are (1) immediate family members of individuals eligible for county board services or (2) individuals eligible for county board services, in place of the existing requirement that includes only immediate family members among these appointments.

Charge-back to mentally ill person's county of residence – Re-inserts language that was included in HB 483 by the Administration but removed by the Ohio House that requires: (1) that the expenses of returning a mentally ill person to the person's county of legal residence and, if the person is ordered hospitalized, probate fees and other expenses incurred on the person's behalf be charged to the county of residence; (2) that a transcript of proceedings be sent to the probate court of the county of residence; and (3) that if the person's residence cannot be established, the matter be referred of ODMHAS.

County and district homes providing sub-acute detoxification services – Permits county homes and district homes that are nursing facility to provide sub-acute detoxification services to residents who have been determined to be addicted to opioids by the Preadmission Screening and Annual Resident Review System.

Law enforcement by unpaid police officers – Prohibits a peace officer who does not receive an hourly rate of pay or salary from a law enforcement agency from issuing a citation for, or arresting any person for, a violation of the Motor Vehicle Law. CCAO understands that the amendment sponsor will seek to have this provision only apply to certain villages with the population of 250 or less.

Criminal Justice Recodification Committee – Creates the Criminal Justice Recodification Committee to study Ohio's criminal statutes with the goal of enhancing public safety and the administration of justice.

Reduction in MARCS user fees – Requires the Department of Public Safety, in consultation with the Department of Administrative Services and not later than January 23, 2015, to submit a written recommendation to the 131st General Assembly that specifies a formula, method, or schedule by which user fees for the Multi-agency Radio Communications System may be reduced from their current amounts.

Martime Port Funding Study Committee – Creates the maritime Port Funding Study Committee to study alternative funding mechanisms for maritime ports in Ohio that may be utilized beginning in FY 2016-2017.

Wind farm setback – Specifies that the minimum setback, beginning on the effective date of the bill, for a wind turbine be at least 1,125 feet in horizontal distance from the tip of the turbine's nearest blade at 90 degrees to the property line of the nearest adjacent property.

Community behavioral health funds – both the Senate and House versions repeal the FY 2015 appropriation of \$47 million to the ADAMHS boards and reallocate these funds to state-managed programs regarding crisis intervention and recovery housing. Consequently any local control of resource allocation is lost. While the Senate proposal would utilize \$28.5 million of these funds to be invested in addiction and mental health recovery support services with an emphasis on crisis and housing for programing at the local level these funds would be controlled by the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

With conference committee working on HB 483 and HB 487, many of the other MBR bills are still having hearings. Senate Finance has finished its work on [\(HB 486\)](#) MBR-Workforce and Economic Development. The committee passed the bill out after accepting two major amendments.

The first came from Chairman Oelslager, which changes the terminology from "high-demand" jobs to "in-demand" jobs, to align with language used by the federal government. The second

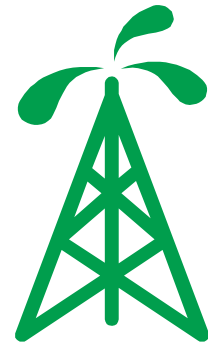
major change amends most of [SB 288](#) (Eklund) in to the bill. The incorporated language deals with benefits for families of volunteer police officers who are killed or disabled in the line of duty. The bill as amended is heading for a vote in the full Senate.

BREAKOUT OF MBR INTO SEPARATE LEGISLATION

- [HB 369](#) **MBR-MEDICAID-OPIOID ADDICTIONS** (SPRAGUE R) To require the Medicaid program and health insurers to cover certain services for recipients with opioid addictions.
Current Status: 5/7/2014 – Referred to Senate Finance Committee
- [HB 375](#) **MBR-SEVERANCE TAX-HORIZONTAL OIL AND GAS WELLS** (HUFFMAN M) To levy a severance tax on well owners of oil and gas severed from horizontal wells, to create a nonrefundable income tax credit for the amount of horizontal well severance tax paid, and to repeal a cost recovery assessment imposed on oil and gas well owners.
Current Status: 5/27/2014 – Senate Ways and Means, (First Hearing)
- [HB 472](#) **MBR-MID-BIENNIUM BUDGET REVIEW** (MCCLAIN J) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.
Current Status: 3/26/2014 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)
- [HB 483](#) **MBR-OPERATION OF STATE PROGRAMS** (AMSTUTZ R) To make operating and other appropriations and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs.
Current Status: 5/21/2014 – **PASSED BY SENATE**; Amended on Floor, Vote 24-8
- [HB 484](#) **MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION** (ROSENBERGER C, BROWN T) With respect to the coordination and administration of higher education programs.
Current Status: 5/21/2014 – Consideration of Senate Amendments; Concurred Vote 88-0
- [HB 485](#) **MBR-OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICES INNOVATION** (SMITH R, JOHNSON T) To establish the Office of Human Services Innovation in the Department of Job and Family Services.
Current Status: 5/14/2014 – Senate Medicaid, Health and Human Services, (Second Hearing)
- [HB 486](#) **MBR-WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS** (BAKER N, STEBELTON G) Regarding various workforce development and economic development programs.
Current Status: 5/20/2014 – **REPORTED OUT AS AMENDED**, Senate Finance, (Third Hearing)
- [HB 487](#) **MBR-K-12 EDUCATION PROGRAMS** (BRENNER A) With regard to education provisions for students in grades kindergarten through twelve.
Current Status: 5/21/2014 - **PASSED BY SENATE**; Amended on Floor, Vote 27-5
- [HB 488](#) **MBR-HIGHER EDUCATION-MILITARY VETERANS** (DOVILLA M, LANDIS A) To require state institutions of higher education to award credit for military training, and to make other changes regarding state support and benefits for veterans and their spouses.
Current Status: 5/21/2014 - Senate Public Safety, Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
- [HB 489](#) **MBR-DAS LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT PROCESS** (BLAIR T) To modify the Department of Administrative Services' lease-purchase agreement process, to grant the Department the same authority for lease-leaseback agreements, and to require those agreements to be awarded through a request for proposals process.
Current Status: 4/8/2014 - House State and Local Government, (Second Hearing)
- [HB 490](#) **MBR-AGRICULTURE-NATURAL RESOURCES-ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS** (HALL D, THOMPSON A) To revise certain laws governing agriculture, natural resources, and environmental protection.
Current Status: 5/20/2014 - House Agriculture and Natural Resources, (Fifth Hearing)
- [HB 491](#) **MBR-GAMING LAW** (BUCHY J, BLESSING III L) To make various changes to the Gambling Law, Lottery Law, and Casino Law.
Current Status: 5/21/2014 – **PASSED BY HOUSE**; Vote 83-2
- [HB 492](#) **MBR-TAXATION** (SCHERER G) To provide authorization and conditions for the levy and administration of taxes in this state.
Current Status: 5/22/2014 – **INFORMALLY PASSED BY THE SENATE**
- [HB 493](#) **MBR-WORKERS' COMPENSATION** (SEARS B, HENNE M) To make changes to Ohio's Workers' Compensation Law and to make an appropriation.
Current Status: 5/28/2014 – Senate Commerce and Labor, (Third Hearing)

Severance Tax to be resolved in “lame duck”

The House's plan to create a new fracking tax will have its first hearing in the Senate Ways and Means Committee next week, but will not pass before the legislature breaks for summer recess. After months of deliberation and revision, the House last week passed its version, [HB 375](#) (Huffman, R-Lima), which would impose a 2.5% tax on gross receipts from horizontally fractured oil and gas wells. Local governments would receive 17.5% of the tax generated after \$21 million is taken off the top to fund DNR administration and orphan well closure expenses. The amount necessary to hold the LGF harmless from any of the tax breaks provided would be deducted from the share allocated to local governments.



Senate President Keith Faber's (R-Celina) office indicated that the measure would likely get a hearing in the Senate Ways & Means Committee next week, but no votes will happen on the bill before the summer break. That means action on the fracking tax measure is unlikely to occur before lame duck session, if at all.

The bill represents House Republican leaders' response to repeated calls from Governor Kasich over the past two years to increase the severance tax to pay for a personal income tax cut. Unlike the governor's more ambitious proposals, the House version has support from one of Ohio's two main oil and gas industry associations. However, the administration believes the House's proposed tax rate is too low and says the measure would allow the industry too many deductions to generate enough revenue for a significant tax cut.



[Sen. Bob Peterson](#) (R-Sabina), chairman of the Senate Tax Reform Subcommittee who conferred with Rep. Huffman and other House members working on the bill, said he believes the issue is important and would like to see the measure pass this year instead of waiting for yet another General Assembly to address the severance tax issue.

Sen. Peterson Sen. Peterson said he believes further discussion will be necessary to determine whether the proposed severance tax rate and structure is adequate. "I think the House and the administration will admit that it's not done yet and hopefully we can pull everybody together, I think we all agree there's a need for reform in the area, we need to get it resolved."

Sen. Peterson applauded an amendment that would allow drillers to get a severance tax credit offsetting the amount of money they pay in commercial activity taxes, saying it would provide an incentive to process oil and gas in the state. Peterson noted, "That helps us as a state be more competitive and make sure that the products stay in state for further development. I greatly appreciate the House resolving that challenge."

Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) said he's become increasingly sympathetic to Gov. Kasich's argument that Ohio's current severance tax is unreasonably low in comparison to other oil and gas producing states. "I find it hard to believe that the natural gas and oil exploration companies would suddenly run away from Ohio after having sunk billions of dollars into leases just because we had a modest increase in the severance tax," he said. Seitz's comments tend to echo the

consistent theme raised by Democrats in the legislature that the proposed tax rate is way too low compared to other states' rates.

House still considering Clean Energy Moratorium (SB 310), possible vote next week

After a long caucus session on Tuesday night, the House Public Utilities Committee hearing on ([SB 310](#)) scheduled for Wednesday morning was cancelled. The committee plans to conduct further hearings on the measure Tuesday, with a possible vote on the House floor later in the week.



In an interview House Public Utilities Chairman [Rep. Peter Stautberg](#) (R-Cincinnati) tried his best to dismiss speculation that the bill lacked sufficient votes to pass the House. "Members just want some more time to review some of the more substantive amendments, given that the Senate had lots of time to review the legislation and there were changes over there," he said. "I fully expect a committee vote and a floor vote next week."

SB 310 is the Senate's plan to put a moratorium on Ohio's renewable and energy efficiency requirements that were enacted with the passage of the 2008 energy bill ([SB 221](#), 127th General Assembly). A substitute version of the bill passed the Senate earlier this month. It has had three hearings in the House, including eight hours of testimony Tuesday. The legislation proposes to freeze annual increases in renewable and energy efficiency standards for two years while a legislative study panel reviews the law.

Proponents argue the current requirements for utilities to sell 12.5% of their electricity from renewable sources and to help customers reduce consumption 22% by 2025 are overly aggressive and will drive rates higher as the annual standards increase.

Opponents believe the current standards need to stay in place. They are pitching a compromise version that would impose a one-year freeze on renewable and energy efficiency benchmarks while a study is conducted. "A shorter freeze to study the standards will create less disruption in Ohio's emerging clean energy industry and will allow the state to develop the best path forward sooner rather than later," said Dayna Baird Payne, representative for the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA).

In addition, AWEA, the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio Consumers' Counsel, Ohio Advanced Energy Economy, and Ohio Chemistry Technology Council proposed allowing large industrial customers to opt-out of paying energy efficiency riders starting next year and capping the cost of the electricity conservation programs. "We believe this compromise strikes a fair and reasonable balance and is good for Ohio businesses and residents," Ohio Manufacturers' Association President Eric Burkland said. "We look forward to working with the governor and legislators to protect Ohio manufacturers from anti-competitive energy costs."

JEDZ elimination bill passes Senate



Rep Schuring

The Senate passed a substitute version of [HB 289 \(Kirk Schuring, R-Canton\)](#) that would eliminate the creation of Joint Economic Development Zones (JEDZs) beginning in 2015. Currently existing JEDZs are grandfathered in as long as they don't change the current terms of their agreement. The bill also creates a review council for each JEDZ to review and evaluate new plans or changes before the end of the year and monitor the governments' compliance with the terms of the JEDZ to ensure that the economic development purposes of the agreement are fulfilled.

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-N. Canton) said the bill impacting Joint Economic Development Zones is needed to rein in municipalities and townships that have drawn criticism for their decisions to create these special regional taxing districts to generate income tax revenue for townships and their partnering municipality rather than focusing on creating job growth, which is the purpose for which they were intended. Sen. Randy Gardner (R-Bowling Green) said nearly all parties feel the law needs to be updated in some way, including many who agree that unfair taxation practices recently attempted through JEDZ proposals need to stop.

On the other hand, Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) relayed concerns he has received from township officials who are questioning what they did to continually see revenue and revenue opportunities disappear for their local governments. Seitz said lawmakers should "wake up and take seriously" what they have done to produce fiscal issues in many of the state's larger townships.

Regional Transportation Improvement Project proposal endorsed by public/private interests, reported by committee

The House State and Local Government Committee acted favorably on permissive legislation ([HB 494](#)) to allow the formation of regional transportation improvement projects (RTIP) after taking testimony from a group of witnesses speaking in support of the legislation.

The legislation allows the boards of two or more boards of commissioners to enter into a cooperative agreement that creates a regional transportation improvement project for the purpose of funding and completing regional transportation improvements.



Com. Richard Regula

Leading a contingent of business and public officials from northeast Ohio was Stark County Commissioner Richard Regula who said in testimony that Stark County has joined together with Columbiana and Carroll counties to form a coalition to support completion of US Route 30 from Canton to Lisbon. Regula said that HB 494 would give local officials and businesses the tools to become "partners in the funding of an interstate highway project that has the potential to transform the transportation and economic infrastructure of an entire region of our state."

Joining the commissioner in support of HB 494 were representatives of the Stark Development Board, a private economic development corporation; The Timken Company, a major steel producer based in Canton; Peoples Services, a major trucking and warehousing corporation

based in Canton; Team Northeast Ohio, a business led economic development organization for the 18 county Northeast Ohio region; and the County Engineers Association of Ohio (CEAO), among other supportive testimony. CCAO had previously testified as an interested party and has since changed its position to one of support.

HB 494 would permit two or more boards of commissioners to enter into an agreement that would spell out the deficiencies of the existing regional transportation system, list transportation improvements to be undertaken in the project, define timelines for undertaking the project, and establish a governing board with requirements for reports to and directives from the governing board. Other provisions of the bill include:

- Permits boards of commissioners to levy a motor vehicle license tax, subject to voter approval, of between \$1 and \$15 per vehicle and at higher rates for commercial trucks in order to finance transportation improvements
- Requires the governing board of the RTIP to be composed of one commissioner and one county engineer from each participating county and requires the board to comply with the sunshine law
- Permits the RTIP to solicit and receive pledges of revenue from the state, and participating counties and political subdivisions within the region.

Amendments were adopted by the committee requiring the ODOT director to approve the cooperative agreement of the RTIP and also to approve administrative expenses of the governing board. Another amendment was adopted opening rail transportation improvements to passenger as well as freight rail components.

For additional information regarding this legislation please contact CCAO Staffer Brad Cole at bcole@ccao.org.

Bridge Toll Bill passes House



Rep. McGregor

The Ohio House passed with bipartisan support a bill ([HB 533](#)) that would permit the Director of Transportation to enter into an agreement with another state for the replacement of the Brent Spence Bridge that carries traffic from I-75 and I-71 over the Ohio River to Kentucky. Opposition to the bill was limited primarily to Northern Ohio legislators unhappy with the state's decision last year to raise tolls on traffic using the Ohio Turnpike to fund transportation projects across Ohio.

In his presentation before the Ohio House, joint sponsor Representative Ross McGregor (R-Springfield) told his colleagues that the Brent Spence Bridge was built in 1964 to carry 80,000 vehicles per day and is currently averaging 172,000 vehicles per day. He said that the current bridge is functionally obsolete resulting in safety and congestion problems for the traveling public and commercial trucking.

Key provisions of the bill include:

- Authorizes the director of transportation to enter into interstate agreements with another state regarding any bridge carrying an interstate highway over the Ohio River

- Aligns Ohio law with federal law to allow tolling on the bridge and implements “all electronic tolling” so as to reduce the cost and congestion associated with toll booths.
- Establishes due process procedures by which user fees and any associated administrative fees may be contested
- Alters the law related to public private partnerships (P3s) that would allow the Brent Spence Bridge Corridor project to more cost effective and generate more interest from industry
- Establishes procedures for the collection of data and procedures for keeping such data secure

HB 533 was supported by a host of interested parties including major statewide contracting groups as well as public and private interests from south western Ohio who believe that absent some state funding mechanism the bridge will never be replaced. Ohio and Kentucky have been waiting for the federal government to step forward to address this project but at the present time there is scant evidence that this will happen.

For additional information regarding this issue contact CCAO staffer Brad Cole at bcole@ccao.org

Legislation of Interest



HB 541

DOGS ([Winburn, R.](#), [Blair, T.](#)) To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs and confinement and restraint of dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, to require the Attorney General to establish a registry of violations of that Law and related complaints, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints. Am. 109.73, 955.11, 955.12, 955.22, 955.222, and 955.99 and to enact sections 955.13, 955.223, and 955.60

HB 542

INVESTIGATION EXPENSES ([Barborak, N.](#)) To permit a sentencing court to order an offender to reimburse a county, township, municipal corporation, or state law enforcement agency for funds expended by the law enforcement agency to purchase a drug, controlled substance, or controlled substance analog from the offender during the agency's investigation of a drug offense. Am. 2929.01, 2929.18, and 2929.28

HB 554

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ([Stinziano, M.](#)) To prohibit a person who holds an elective office and who is a candidate from using public funds to mail to individuals unsolicited applications for absent voter's ballots that contain the name of the candidate or an image of the candidate's signature. Am. 3517.13 and 3517.992

HB 555

DISASTER RELIEF ([Rogers, J.](#), [Letson, T.](#)) To require the Emergency Management Agency to operate the Individual Disaster Relief Pilot Program, to establish the Individual Disaster Relief Fund, and to make an appropriation. Am. 5502.39

- [HB 556](#) **PROPERTY TAX ROLLOBACKS** ([Rogers, J.](#)) To restore the application of the 10% and 2.5% property tax rollbacks to tax levies approved on or after the effective date of Am. Sub. H.B. 59 of the 130th General Assembly. Am. 319.02 and 323.152.
- [HB 560](#) **ENERGY-EFFICIENT BUILDINGS** ([Pillich, C.](#)) To require a building or structure constructed using state capital budget moneys to adhere to certain energy efficiency and building standards and to encourage the use of Ohio-produced products. Am. 153.014
- [SB 341](#) **DISASTER RELIEF** ([Turner, N.](#)) To require the Emergency Management Agency to operate the Individual Disaster Relief Pilot Program, to establish the Individual Disaster Relief Fund, and to make an appropriation. Am. 5502.391
- [SB 343](#) **ADULT CHANGING STATIONS** ([Lehner, P.](#)) To require public buildings to have at least one rest room facility with an adult changing station. Am. 3781.109

Upcoming Legislative Committee Calendar



Tuesday, May 27

House Public Utilities, (Chr. Stautberg, P., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 11:00 am

[SB 310](#) ■ **RENEWABLE ENERGY** ([Balderson, T.](#)) To make changes to the renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction requirements and to create a study committee. --**4th Hearing-Possible amendments, substitute & vote**

Conference Committee on SB 172, (Chr. Patton, T., 466-8056), Grant Hearing Rm., 12:00

[SB 172](#) ■ **LAND USE PROGRAMS** ([Patton, T.](#)) To modify the laws governing land reutilization programs and property tax foreclosures. --**1st Hearing-Possible amendments & vote**

House Finance & Appropriations, (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 313, 1:30 pm

[SB 287](#) ■ **DEPOSITORY ACT** ([Hughes, J.](#)) To modify authorized investments of interim moneys and inactive moneys under the Uniform Depository Act. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor & Possible vote-Pending referral**

Senate Finance, (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 pm

[HB 5](#) ■ **MUNICIPAL TAX COLLECTIONS** ([Grossman, C.](#)) To revise the laws governing income taxes imposed by municipal corporations. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

[HB 223](#) ■ **FORECLOSURE PROCESS** ([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. --**2nd Hearing-Proponent**

House State & Local Government, (Chr. Blair, T., 466-6504), Rm. 121, 3:00 pm

HB 221 ■ **CREDIT UNIONS** (Terhar, L., Heard, T.) To permit credit unions to serve as public depositories under certain circumstances and to allow credit unions to participate in the Development Services Agency's Capital Access Loan Program and its various small business loan guarantee programs. --

5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote

SB 6 ■ **FINANCIAL CONTINUING EDUCATION** (Schaffer, T.) To establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, county treasurers, and county auditors from office, and to create fiscal accountability requirements for public schools, counties, municipal corporations, and townships. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

HB 10 ■ **FISCAL CONTINUING EDUCATION** (Hagan, C.) To establish education programs and continuing education requirements for the fiscal officers of townships and municipal corporations, to establish procedures for removing those fiscal officers, county treasurers, and county auditors from office, and to create fiscal accountability requirements for public schools, counties, municipal corporations, and townships. --**2nd Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute**

HB 321 ■ **GOVERNMENT RECORDS** (Duffey, M., Hagan, C.) To create the DataOhio Board, and to specify requirements for posting public records online. --**6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

HB 322 ■ **UNIFORM ACCOUNTING** (Duffey, M., Hagan, C.) To require the Auditor of State to adopt rules regarding a uniform accounting system for public offices. --**6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

HB 323 ■ **PUBLIC DATA** (Duffey, M., Hagan, C.) To establish an online catalog of public data at data.Ohio.gov. --**6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

HB 324 ■ **LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION** (Duffey, M.) To establish the Local Government Information Exchange Grant Program and to make an appropriation. --**6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote**

Senate Ways & Means, (Chr. Schaffer, T., 466-5838), South Hearing Rm., 4:30 pm

HB 375 ■ **OIL & GAS SEVERANCE TAX** (Huffman, M.) To levy a severance tax on well owners of oil and gas severed from horizontal wells, to create a nonrefundable income tax credit for the amount of horizontal well severance tax paid, to repeal a cost recovery assessment imposed on oil and gas well owners, to reduce the severance tax rate on natural gas extracted from nonhorizontal wells, to exclude from the tax base of the commercial activity tax gross receipts from the sale of oil or natural gas severed through use of a horizontal well, and to make an appropriation. --**1st Hearing-Sponsor**

Wednesday, May 28

Senate Agriculture, (Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150), Grant Hearing Rm., 10:00 am

HB 116 ■ **ANIMAL CAPTURE** (Pelanda, D.) To govern the chemical capture of animals, eliminate references to pentobarbital in statutes regulating animal euthanasia, and terminate the chemical capture provisions of this act. --**4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendment & vote**

House Session, (Chr. Batchelder, B., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 pm

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