

# THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE

February 10, 2023



## **Main Operating Budget Hearings Begin**

The House Finance Committee, Chaired by Rep. Jay Edwards, heard from several state agencies this week on the Governor's proposed main operating budget plan. The week began with testimony from OBM Director Kim Murnieks and LSC Director Wendy Zhan.

Members also heard a panel of agency directors on Medicaid spending, the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education, in addition to the Ohio Department of Transportation. Chairman Edwards plans to adopt a substitute bill by Friday, April 21st, an omnibus amendment by April 25th, and a full committee vote by the end of April. Committee testimony can be watched [here](#).

## **Transportation Budget on the Fast-Track**

The House Finance Subcommittee on Transportation heard testimony from Ohio Department of Transportation Director Jack Marchbanks, who reiterated his testimony given earlier this week before the full House Finance committee. The FY24-25 transportation budget seeks a 25% increase over the previous biennium due in part to billions of federal government dollars via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Chairman Edwards plans to adopt a substitute bill on February 20th followed by an omnibus amendment later that week. His goal is to pass the full Transportation budget by Monday, February 27th. Committee testimony can be watched [here](#).

## **NEXT WEEK'S CALENDAR**

### **Monday, February 13th**

- JCARR

### **Tuesday, February 14th**

- House Finance
- House & Senate Committees

### **Wednesday, February 15th**

- House Finance; Finance Sub. HHS
- House & Senate Committees

### **Thursday, February 16th**

- JMOC
- House Finance; Finance Sub. HHS

### **Friday, February 17th**

# INTRODUCED LEGISLATION

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## OHIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Bill	Short Title	Sponsor(s)
SB44	<b>ELECTRONIC LICENSING APPLICATION REQUIREMENT</b> To require a state occupational licensing agency to accept electronic license applications. Referred to Government Oversight Committee	Brenner, A
SB45	<b>BRIDGE DESIGNATION-VETERANS MEMORIAL</b> To designate a bridge spanning the Mahoning River in Trumbull County as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge." Referred to Transportation Committee	O'Brien, S
SB46	<b>ELECTRONIC EXECUTION-WILLS, OTHER FORMS</b> To expand the laws on wills, declarations or living wills, durable powers of attorney for health care, powers of attorney, and transfer on death designation affidavits by providing for their execution electronically. Referred to Judiciary Committee	Roegner, K
SB47	<b>LEAVE USE PROHIBITION-UNION ACTIVITIES</b> To prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in certain union activities. Referred to Judiciary Committee	Huffman, S
SB48	<b>TAX REDUCTION-MOTOR FUEL</b> To reduce the tax rate on certain motor fuel. Referred to Transportation Committee	Huffman, S
SB49	<b>K-12 RELIGIOUS ACCOMODATIONS POLICY</b> To enact the Religious Expression Days "R.E.D." Act to require each kindergarten through 12 public school to adopt a policy providing students, teachers, and staff with religious accommodations. Referred to Education Committee	Reynolds, M
SR23	<b>HONORING ROBERT MCLAUGHLIN-EDUCATION</b> Honoring Robert McLaughlin as the 2022 Correctional Education Association of Ohio Teacher of the Year. Introduced	Schaffer, T
SR24	<b>SENATE RULES-135TH GA</b> To adopt the rules of the Senate for the 135th General Assembly. ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 30-0	Schuring, K



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<b>SR25</b>	<b>CHAMBER USE-DEBATE ASSOCIATION</b> Permitting the use of the Ohio Senate Chamber and hearing rooms by the Western Ohio National Speech and Debate Association on March 18, 2023. <b>ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 30-0</b>	Huffman, M
<b>SR26</b>	<b>CHAMBER USE-LEADERSHIP ASSOCIATION</b> Authorizing the Ohio-West Virginia Youth Leadership Association to use the Ohio Senate Chamber and committee rooms on April 13-15, 2023. <b>ADOPTED BY SENATE; Vote 30-0</b>	Huffman, M
<b>SR27</b>	<b>HONORING FRANK STRIGARI-SENATE</b> Honoring Frank Strigari for outstanding service to the Ohio Senate. <b>Introduced</b>	Huffman, M
<b>SB51</b>	<b>SOS-ELECTION INTEGRITY DIVISION</b> To establish the Election Integrity Division in the Office of the Secretary of State. <b>Referred to General Government Committee</b>	Gavarone, T
<b>SB52</b>	<b>TAX EXEMPTION-US, OHIO FLAGS</b> To exempt sales of United States and Ohio flags from sales and use tax. <b>Referred to Ways and Means Committee</b>	Gavarone, T
<b>SB53</b>	<b>MINIMUM POLICE APPOINTMENT AGE</b> To lower the minimum age for an original appointment as a police officer from twenty-one to eighteen years of age. <b>Introduced</b>	Reynolds, M    Roegner, K
<b>SB50</b>	<b>911 SERVICE LAW CHANGES</b> To make changes to the law governing 9-1-1 service and to repeal program requirements for emergency-service-telecommunicator training. <b>Referred to Financial Institutions and Technology Committee</b>	Wilson, S    Smith, K