

Ohio Township Association Legislative Alert



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Legislative Activity This Week

****With this being a holiday week and the Ohio House without a Speaker, legislative activity at the Statehouse has all but come to a stop. It has been reported that a Speaker vote will happen next week and likely increased legislative activity over the next few weeks.****

Wednesday, May 23

Rep. Becker's Office - Highway signage

Sen. McColley's Office - Zoning issues related to aggregate mining operations

Rep. Greenspan & Interested Parties - [House Bill 571 Hotel Taxes](#), [Tax Parity Doc](#), [Letter of Support](#)

****The OTA encourages you to reach out and urge the members of the House Ways & Means Committee to support HB 571!****

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Thursday, May 31

Rep. Carfagna - Joint EMS districts, HB 500, OPERS monthly minimum threshold

Friday, June 1

Sen. McColley's Office - Zoning issues related to aggregate mining operations

Committee Schedule Next Week

Tuesday, June 5

Senate Insurance & Financial Institutions (Ch. Hottinger), Finance Hearing Rm., 9:30 a.m.
SB 292 CREDIT UNIONS (Terhar) To revise the laws governing credit unions and to allow credit unions to serve as public depositories.
(1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony)

House Ways & Means (Ch. Schaffer), Rm. 121, 10:00 a.m.
HB 571 LODGING TAXES (Greenspan) To specify that, for the purposes of the sales and use tax and local lodging taxes, the "price" on the basis of which a hotel intermediary must collect and remit the tax is the total amount paid by the customer for the hotel lodging, as advertised by the hotel intermediary.
(1st Hearing-Sponsor testimony)

HB 575 VOLUNTEER TAX CREDITS (Keller, Rezabek) To grant income tax credits to persons who serve as volunteer firefighters or emergency medical service technicians.
(3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party testimony-Possible amendment)

Senate Finance (Ch. Oelslager), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.
SB 225 BROADBAND GRANTS (Schiavoni, Eklund) To create the Ohio Broadband Development Grant Program and to make an appropriation.
(2nd Hearing-Proponent testimony-Possible amendments)

Senate Health, Human Services & Medicaid (Ch. Burke), South Hearing Rm., 3:15 p.m.
SB 210 AUXILIARY CONTAINERS (Coley) To authorize a person to use an auxiliary container for any purpose, to prohibit a municipal corporation from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, and to clarify that the existing anti-littering law applies to auxiliary containers.
(4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Wednesday, June 6

Senate Energy & Natural Resources (Ch. Balderson), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m. or after session
HB 114 RENEWABLE ENERGY (Blessing) To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program.
(6th Hearing-Proponent & interested party testimony)



Looking for State Fair Volunteers

Each year, the Ohio Township Association presents trophies and other awards for 4-H participants at the Ohio State Fair.

The fair will take place July 25 - Aug. 5, and the OTA needs your help. If you are interested in presenting a state fair award on behalf of the OTA, please contact Ron Miller, OTA Finance/State Fair Committee Chairman, at ronmill789@gmail.com or 419.569.9920 or Heidi Fought at the State Association at fought@ohiotownships.org.

At least two volunteers are needed each day. Volunteers receive a free parking pass and two free admission passes. Photos and thank you letters from recipients are included in the November/December *Ohio Township News* magazine.

Federal Update

Protect Against Increased Truck Size and Weight Allowed on our Roads

Next week - Tuesday, June 5 and Thursday, June 7 - the Senate transportation appropriations subcommittee and full committee,



respectively, will be considering the fiscal year 2019 spending bill for the US Department of Transportation (USDOT). There will be two amendments offered to the spending bill that could impact our town and township roads:

1. Requires every state to allow longer double-trailer trucks that are 91 feet long, known as "Double 33s,"
2. Allows maximum truck weights to increase from 80,000 pounds to 91,000 pounds. No such language was included in the House-passed spending bill.

Please call your US Senators and ask that they oppose these two amendments. In addition to describing your local experience with heavier and longer trucks, please consider the following messages regarding safety and infrastructure:

SAFETY

- * Double 33s are more dangerous because they take 22 feet longer to stop (USDOT).
- * Double 33s are 91 feet long and would make passing and merging more difficult.
- * 91,000-pound trucks have 47 percent higher crash rates in limited state testing (USDOT).
- * Longer and heavier trucks have higher out-of-service violation rates, which means they are over three times more likely to crash (Insurance Institute for Highway Safety).

INFRASTRUCTURE

- * Longer double-trailer trucks would mean \$1.1 billion in additional bridge costs, and heavier trucks would mean another \$1.1 billion in bridge costs (USDOT).
- * Taxpayers would be stuck paying for the tremendous damage caused by heavier and longer trucks.

NATaT is working with the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks that has launched a new toll free number 1-855-350-5949. Callers will first hear a brief overview of concerns about bigger, heavier trucks. You will enter your zip code and then connect to your Senators and House Representative(s). You only need to contact your Senate offices.

Thank you for making your concerns heard on Capitol Hill and helping us protect our roads and residents that travel those roads.

House T&I & Senate EPW Committees Pass WRDA 2018 Bills

During the week of May 21, the House Transportation and Infrastructure (T&I) and Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committees each passed their respective Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bills. The House T&I Committee passed its WRDA 2018 bill (H.R. 8) unanimously, including approving a manager's amendment from Chairman Bill Shuster (R-PA) and 19 additional amendments from Committee members. The Senate EPW Committee also unanimously passed its America's Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (S. 2800), including a manager's amendment that contains the text of the Securing Required Funds for Water Infrastructure Now (SRF WIN) Act. The House will consider H.R. 8 during the week of June 4, while the Senate will likely consider its bill during mid-late June.

House and Senate Appropriations Committees Markup and Pass Three FY 2019 Appropriations Bills

During the week of May 21, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees marked up and passed the following three FY 2019 Appropriations bills:

- * Transportation-HUD: By a vote of 34-17, the HAC passed this \$71.8 billion spending bill, which includes \$750 million for the multimodal BUILD grant program (formerly known as TIGER); \$300 million for the CRISI rail grants; \$2.6 billion for Capital Investment Grants projects; \$300 million for Bus and Bus Facilities grants; \$50 million for Low or No-Emission Bus grants; \$3.3 billion for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program; \$1.2 billion for the HOME Investment Partnerships Program; \$30.8 billion for Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and Public and Indian Housing programs; and \$2.5 billion for Homeless Assistance Grants.

- * Energy-Water Development: By a vote of 30-1, the SAC passed this \$43.8 billion spending bill, which includes \$6.927 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and \$1.493 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation; and

- * Agriculture-Rural Development: By a vote of 31-0, the SAC passed this \$145.1 billion spending bill, which includes \$879.1 million for the Natural Resources Conservation Service; \$150 million for the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations program; \$1.25 billion for rural water and waste program loans; \$800 million for water and waste grants; \$425 million

for the rural broadband loan and grant pilot program; \$6.15 billion in discretionary funding for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); \$73.219 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and \$23.184 billion for Child Nutrition programs.

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March 6-8, 2019 • Greater Columbus Convention Center

Call for Presentations

Do you have knowledge or experience that can help prevent workplace injuries? If so, please consider sharing your expertise as a presenter at BWC's Ohio Safety Congress & Expo 2019, the region's largest occupational-focused safety and health event. We're now accepting presentation proposals for this multi-day event, scheduled for March 6-8, 2019, in Columbus.

Ohio BWC is accepting applications until July 13. For application guidelines and to register, visit the [BWC call for presentations site](#).

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