**Coalition of Ohio Regional Districts
*Weekly Legislative Report***

***March 31 – April 4, 2025***

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# Legislative Activity This Week

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| **HB139** | **REQUIRE FIRE HYDRANT TESTING** (HALL T) To require specified testing of fire hydrant systems. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/2/2025 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:******Testimony:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-139>[Committee Testimony](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb139/committee) |
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# New Bill Introductions

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| **HB182** | **PROHIBIT FLUORIDE-PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS** (DEAN L) To prohibit a public water system from adding fluoride to its water. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/26/2025 - Referred to Committee House Natural Resources |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | [Bill Text](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-182) |

# What to Watch Next Week

**HB 49 – Water Improvement Districts (Claggett)**

* This bill will receive its first hearing in the House Natural Resources Committee.
* CORD is **opposed** to this legislation.
* [Full Bill Text](https://search-prod.lis.state.oh.us/api/v2/general_assembly_136/legislation/hb49/00_IN/pdf/)
* [Bill Summary](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=24501)

# Complete List of Tracked Legislation

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| **HB14** | **INCORPORATE FEDERAL TAX CHANGES** (ROEMER B, WORKMAN H) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since March 15, 2023, into Ohio law and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/7/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. immediately |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-14> |
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| **HB18** | **DIGITAL ASSET INVESTMENT, CRYPTOCURRENCY RESERVE** (DEMETRIOU S) To address investments in exchange-traded products by the state retirement systems, to permit the Treasurer of State to invest certain interim funds in digital assets, and to name this act the Ohio Strategic Cryptocurrency Reserve Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/25/2025 - House Technology and Innovation, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-18> |
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| **HB49** | **CREATE WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS** (CLAGGETT T) To allow for the creation of water improvement districts. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/5/2025 - Referred to Committee House Natural Resources |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-49> |
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| **HB54** | **TRANSPORTATION BUDGET** (STEWART B) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of those programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/31/2025 - **SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**; eff. 3/31/25 |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-54> |
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| **HB92** | **MUNICIPAL RECOVERY, LIEN LIMITATIONS** (JOHNSON M, MCCLAIN R) Regarding limitations on recovery and lien imposition by municipalities against property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid water, sewer, and disposal services rates and charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/26/2025 - House Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-92> |
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| **HB93** | **RESTORE CLEAN OHIO FUND** (HALL T, SWEENEY B) To restore the Clean Ohio Fund to be administered by the Department of Development and the Clean Ohio Council. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/12/2025 - Referred to Committee House Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-93> |
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| **HB96** | **OPERATING BUDGET** (STEWART B) To make operating appropriations for the biennium beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2027, to levy taxes, and to provide authorization and conditions for the operation of state programs. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/9/2025 - Senate Finance, (Fourth Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-96> |
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| **HB112** | **RIGHT TO REFUSE MEDICAL INTERVENTIONS** (GROSS J, LEAR B) To prohibit discrimination against an individual for the refusal of certain medical interventions for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, and to name this act the Conscientious Right to Refuse Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/26/2025 - Referred to Committee House Judiciary |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-112> |
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| **HB139** | **REQUIRE FIRE HYDRANT TESTING** (HALL T) To require specified testing of fire hydrant systems. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 4/2/2025 - House Local Government, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-139> |
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| **HB158** | **REQUIRE UTILITY BILL ITEMIZATION** (BRENNAN S, THOMAS D) To enact "The Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act" requiring the itemization of all riders, taxes, and other costs on certain utility bills. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/19/2025 - Referred to Committee House Energy |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-158> |
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| **HB182** | **PROHIBIT FLUORIDE-PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS** (DEAN L) To prohibit a public water system from adding fluoride to its water. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/26/2025 - Referred to Committee House Natural Resources |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-HB-182> |
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| **SB3** | **PHASE DOWN OHIO INCOME TAX** (LANG G, HUFFMAN S) To phase-down the state income tax to a flat rate of 2.75% over two years. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 1/29/2025 - Referred to Committee Senate Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-3> |
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| **SB8** | **PROHIBIT EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION-UNION ACTIVITIES** (HUFFMAN S) To prohibit a public employer from providing paid leave or compensation for a public employee to engage in certain union activities. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 3/19/2025 - Senate Government Oversight and Reform, (Second Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-8> |
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| **SB9** | **INCORPORATE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE CHANGES** (BLESSING III L) To expressly incorporate changes in the Internal Revenue Code since March 15, 2023, into Ohio law and to declare an emergency. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/26/2025 - Referred to Committee House Ways and Means |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-9> |
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| **SB15** | **ALLOW ESTABLISHMENT-COMMON BOND FUND PROGRAM** (BRENNER A, WILSON S) To allow port authorities to establish a Common Bond Fund Program to finance port authority facilities. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 1/29/2025 - Referred to Committee Senate Finance |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-15> |
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| **SB45** | **EXPAND ELIGIBLITY-COUNTY SEWER RATE DISCOUNTS** (INGRAM C) To expand eligibility for county sewer discounted rates or charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/12/2025 - Senate Local Government, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-45> |
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| **SB57** | **OHIO BITCOIN RESERVE ACT** (O'BRIEN S) To authorize investment of state funds in bitcoin, to require state entities to accept payment in cryptocurrency, and to name this act the Ohio Bitcoin Reserve Act. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/11/2025 - Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology, (First Hearing) |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-57> |
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| **SB69** | **INTENTION TO REFORM-STATE PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** (ROMANCHUK M) To declare the General Assembly's intent to enact legislation to reform the law governing the state's public retirement systems. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/12/2025 - Referred to Committee Senate Financial Institutions, Insurance and Technology |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-69> |
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| **SB118** | **REGARDING MUNICIPAL LIEN RECOVERY** (LANG G) Regarding limitations on recovery and lien imposition by municipalities against property owners of non-owner-occupied properties for unpaid water, sewer, and disposal services rates and charges. |
|   | ***Current Status:*** | 2/26/2025 - Referred to Committee Senate Local Government |
|   | ***State Bill Page:*** | <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/legislation-summary?id=GA136-SB-118> |