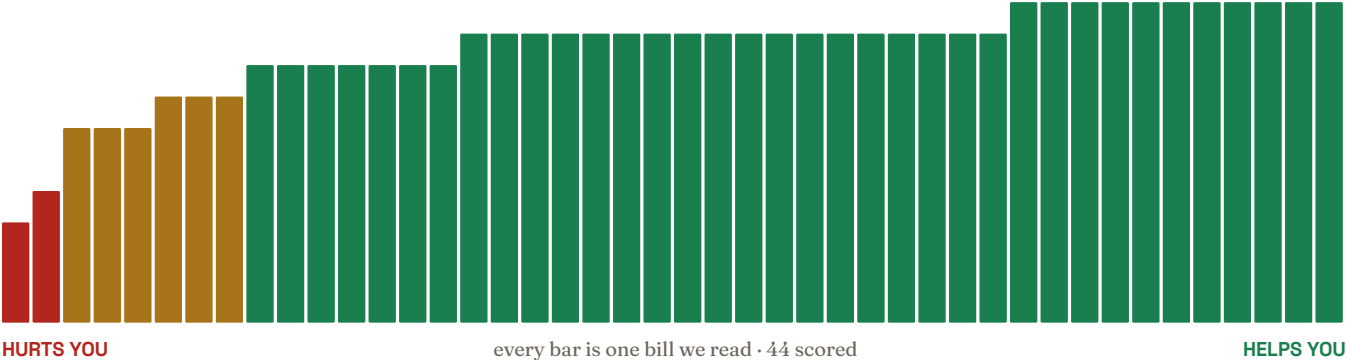




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Ohio Bill Book 2026

The Ohio bills that matter most, each scored 1–10 on one question: does it help everyday people, or the interests behind it?



Our take on the left. The bill on the right. Room for your notes.

Every spread is one bill, twice.

On the **left** is our take: the Billometer score, what the bill means for you, and the factor-by-factor reasoning behind that score. On the **right** is the bill on the record: its official title, its status, where to read the real text, and space for your own notes.

THE BILLOMETER

One number, 1 to 10, answering a single question: does this help everyday people or hurt them? 1–4 hurts, 5–6 is mixed, 7–10 helps. It is our editorial judgement — which is exactly why every page shows the reasoning behind it. If you disagree with a score, you can see precisely where you disagree.

HOW THESE BILLS WERE CHOSEN

Ranked, not cherry-picked. This edition prints the 10 lowest-scoring and 10 highest-scoring of the 44 Ohio bills we have fully analysed. A bill only qualifies if it passed our verification step, has a recorded official status, and has its reasoning attached. Thin entries are left out rather than padded. Note that only 143 bills in the entire country score 3 or below, so in most places the bottom of the list is not evil — it is merely mixed, and we label it that way.

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10 worst, 10 best

THE WORST — LOWEST SCORING

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5/10	HB819	The Electric Credit Bill — Ohio bill would tweak oil tax and add electric bill credit
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6/10	HB118	The Lead & Credits Bill — Changes to lead testing and tax credits could help families
7/10	HB225	The Lower Workers Bill — Ending the lower pay for disabled workers in Ohio
7/10	SB142	Ohio wants to end paying people with disabilities less

THE BEST — HIGHEST SCORING

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9/10	HB365	The Homeowners & Renters Bill — Ohio homeowners and renters could get tax money back
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9/10	HB122	The Organ Donors Bill — Ohio helps employers give organ donors paid time off
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9/10	HB529	The Veterans & Families Bill — Ohio offers tax breaks for hiring veterans and their families
9/10	HB704	The Breaks Groups Bill — Ohio will give tax breaks to groups building homes
9/10	HB820	The Test School Bill — Ohio bill would test school radon, offer home tax credits
9/10	HB903	The Families Money Bill — Ohio bill would give working families more money back

The Workers Bosses Bill

Workers pay the bill when bosses lay off too many

OH HB321 • Work & Wages

2/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Unemployment insurance is supposed to be paid by employers to protect workers who lose their jobs. This bill flips that upside down. If a company lays off so many people that its state account goes into the red, this bill forces the current workers to bail the company out. It is unfair to make you pay for your boss's bad business choices. Now is the time to speak up before this idea moves forward.

WHY IT SCORES 2/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Workers pay for employer debt.
The bill forces employees to pay a contribution if their employer has a negative...
- Accountability (hurts)** — Removes employer penalty.
Employers with high turnover usually pay higher rates, but this shifts that burden onto...
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — Paycheck reduction.
Workers lose a portion of their wages to fund a system the employer is supposed to...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: State Unemployment Fund

Bearing the cost: Current employees

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Revise Unemployment Compensation Law

OH HB321

Introduced · recorded 2025-06-03

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would force you to pay a new fee out of your paycheck if your boss has laid off too many people in the past.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Big Business

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB321) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb321>

LegiScan — HB321 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB321/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb321-035323

YOUR NOTES

The Tech Investment Bill

Ohio bill offers tax break for techinvestment businesses

OH HB844 • Money & Damages

3/10 **OBLITERATE**
Hurts everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

The bill could encourage tech upgrades, but it shifts money from the state budget to businesses, meaning taxpayers may see fewer services or higher taxes later.

WHY IT SCORES 3/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — no new oversight added.
bill does not add new accountability measures
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — does not affect personal rights.
bill does not change any civil or consumer rights
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — cost shift to taxpayers.
state revenue reduced, burden falls on citizens
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — standard legislative process.
bill follows normal introduction and committee referral

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Businesses
Bearing the cost: Taxpayers

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (3R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Authorize tax credit for qualifying technology investments

OH HB844

Introduced · recorded 2026-05-06

WHAT IT DOES

Ohio would let companies claim a tax credit when they buy qualifying technology, lowering their state tax bill.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Businesses

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB844) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb844>

LegiScan — HB844 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB844/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb844-148315

YOUR NOTES

The Electric Credit Bill

Ohio bill would tweak oil tax and add electric bill credit

OH HB819 • Consumer Protection

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If passed, the bill could raise or lower taxes on energy companies and use that money to give a credit on electric bills, affecting how much families pay for electricity and possibly influencing fuel prices.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — No new oversight or reporting requirements are added..

The bill does not create new accountability mechanisms.

Rights & Protections (neutral) — No changes to individual legal rights are mentioned..

The bill does not affect the right to sue or other protections.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Cost impact is unclear; could shift to energy companies or consumers..

The bill changes tax rates but does not specify who ultimately pays.

Process Transparency (neutral) — Bill is still early in the process; no special transparency measures..

Introduced bill with standard legislative procedure.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 10D)

Revise oil and natural gas severance tax; electric bill credit

Introduced · recorded 2026-04-13

The bill would change the tax on oil and gas, decide how the tax money is split, and give Ohio residents a credit on their electric bills.

Everyday People

Official text (OH HB819) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb819>

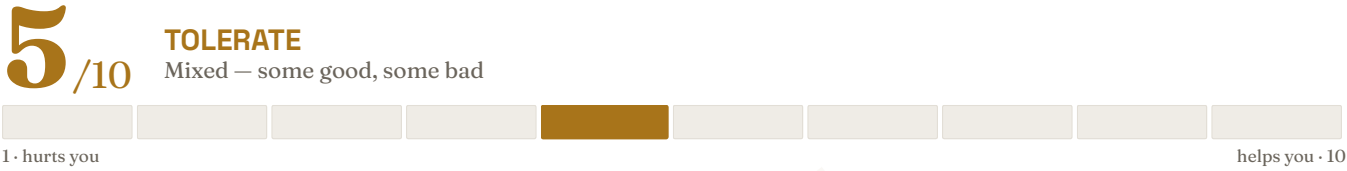
LegiScan – HB819 – <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB819/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb819-142671

The Money Transfers Bill

Ohio proposes fee on money transfers to fight drug money

OH HB149 • Money & Damages



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Citizens should watch this bill because the new fee could make sending money home more expensive, while the tax credit mainly helps the companies that collect the fee.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (hurts)** — adds fee without clear oversight.
creates new transfer fee but no new accountability measures
- Rights & Protections (hurts)** — increases cost for users.
charges fee on money transfers, affecting consumers
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — cost likely passed to senders/receivers.
fee on transmissions shifts expense to everyday people
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — bill just introduced, limited detail.
no clear reporting or oversight provisions

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (11R / OD)

THE BILL ITSELF

Enact Withholding Illegal Revenue Entering Drug Markets WIRED Act

OH HB149

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-04

WHAT IT DOES

Ohio would add a fee to moneytransfer services and give the companies a tax credit, which could raise costs for everyday users.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Money transmission companies

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB149) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb149>

LegiScan — HB149 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB149/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb149-991483

YOUR NOTES

The Research Costs Bill

New tax credit could help companies with research costs

OH HB756 • Money & Damages

5/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



1 • hurts you

helps you • 10

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could help businesses save money, but it might not help everyday people directly. It's important to watch how this develops.

WHY IT SCORES 5/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Funding Tilt (helps) — Could benefit businesses financially.

The bill provides a tax credit that may reduce tax burdens on companies.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

Expand research, development tax credit to apply to income tax

Introduced · recorded 2026-03-11

This bill would let companies use a tax credit for their income tax, helping them save money on research and development.

Big Business

Official text (OH HB756) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb756>

LegiScan – HB756 – <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB756/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb756-132323

The Lower Health Bill

Family act seeks lower health insurance costs for Ohio families

OH HB438 • Healthcare & Insurance

6/10 **TOLERATE**
Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Ohio families could save money on health insurance and get more benefits for their children, but the bill still needs support to become law.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — No clear change to who is held accountable..
The text does not add new oversight or liability rules.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Potentially expands coverage for families..
Amends insurance sections to improve access for youth and families.
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Cost impact not specified..
No explicit shift of costs to consumers or insurers is stated.
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process..
Bill is introduced and referred to committee, no special procedures noted.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 19D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Enact the FAMILY Act

OH HB438

 Introduced · recorded 2025-09-09

WHAT IT DOES

The bill would change state rules so families with kids could pay lower health insurance premiums and get better coverage.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB438) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb438>

LegiScan — HB438 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB438/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb438-043561

YOUR NOTES

The Health Insurers Bill

Health insurers may need to share prior authorization data

OH HB214 • Healthcare & Insurance

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

If this bill passes, it could make it easier for patients to know what is needed for their medical care. Now is the time to support it.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases transparency for patients and providers..
Health insurers will need to share data.
- Rights & Protections (neutral)** — No direct rights are removed or added..
Focuses on reporting rather than changing rights.
- Who Bears the Cost (neutral)** — Costs are unclear but may shift to insurers..
Insurers may have to invest in reporting systems.
- Process Transparency (helps)** — More information available to the public..
Patients will have better access to approval processes.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

Require Medicaid, health insurers report on prior authorization

Introduced · recorded 2025-04-01

This bill would make health insurers share information about approval processes, helping people understand their healthcare better.

Everyday People

Official text (OH HB214) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb214>

LegiScan — HB214 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB214/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb214-019199

The Lead & Credits Bill

Changes to lead testing and tax credits could help families

OH HB118 • Consumer Protection

6/10

TOLERATE

Mixed — some good, some bad



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Families could benefit from better lead testing and possible tax credits. Now is the time to support this bill to protect children from lead poisoning.

WHY IT SCORES 6/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — Bill aims to improve safety standards..

Revising lead testing laws could hold landlords accountable.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps families with tax credits..

Tax credits could ease financial burdens for families addressing lead issues.

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Costs may shift to taxpayers..

Potential increase in public funding for lead safety.

Process Transparency (neutral) — More clarity needed on implementation..

Details about how changes will be enforced are unclear.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (2R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Revise the lead testing, certification, and tax credit law

OH HB118

Introduced · recorded 2025-02-24

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would change rules about lead testing and tax credits to help families keep their homes safe from lead.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB118) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb118>

LegiScan — HB118 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB118/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb118-981531

YOUR NOTES

The Lower Workers Bill

Ending the lower pay for disabled workers in Ohio

OH HB225 • Work & Wages

7/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, some companies can pay people with disabilities less than the minimum wage. This bill says that needs to stop. It's about making sure everyone gets paid fairly for their work. If this passes, it could mean more money for people with disabilities and a fairer system for everyone.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Increases accountability for employers to pay fair wages..
This bill holds employers accountable for paying the full minimum wage to individuals...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Strengthens worker rights and protections..
This bill directly enhances the rights of individuals with disabilities by ensuring they...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — Shifts cost from vulnerable workers to employers and incentivizes ethical hiring..
The cost of paying a full minimum wage is shifted from the disabled worker to the...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard legislative process..
The bill has been introduced and referred to a committee, following a typical legislative...

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (5R / 14D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Phase out subminimum wage for individuals with disabilities

OH HB225

Introduced · recorded 2025-04-07

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would stop employers from paying people with disabilities less than the normal minimum wage.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Workers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB225) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb225>

LegiScan — HB225 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB225/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb225-021211

YOUR NOTES

Ohio wants to end paying people with disabilities less

OH SB142 • Work & Wages

7/10

LIBERATE

Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

Right now, some businesses can pay people with disabilities less than the minimum wage. This bill says that needs to stop. It's a step towards making sure everyone gets paid fairly for their work. If this passes, it could mean more money for people with disabilities who are working. It's important to pay attention to this bill because it changes how people with disabilities are paid for their jobs.

WHY IT SCORES 7/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (helps) — Increases accountability for fair wages..

This bill holds employers more accountable for paying fair wages to all workers...

Rights & Protections (helps) — Strengthens worker rights..

This bill strengthens the rights of individuals with disabilities by ensuring they...

Who Bears the Cost (neutral) — Shifts cost from worker to employer..

The cost of paying minimum wage would shift from being borne by the worker (through lower...

Process Transparency (neutral) — Standard legislative process..

The bill is following a standard legislative process, with introduction and committee...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Nonprofit corporations that hire individuals with disabilities

Bearing the cost: Employers who currently pay subminimum wage

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 4D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Phase out subminimum wage for individuals with disabilities

OH SB142

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-11

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would stop employers from paying people with disabilities less than the minimum wage over time.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH SB142) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/sb142>

LegiScan — SB142 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/SB142/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-sb142-999954

YOUR NOTES

The Parent Time Bill

Ohio gives tax breaks for paid parent time off

OH HB231 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help families in Ohio by making it easier for new parents to take time off with their babies without losing pay. When businesses get a tax break for offering paid leave, it means more parents can afford to spend important early weeks with their children. This is a good thing for families and for kids. You can tell your lawmakers that you support this bill because it helps working parents.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact on accountability..
The bill does not directly address accountability for bad actors or government actions.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Encourages a new benefit for parents..
By offering tax credits, the bill encourages employers to provide paid parental leave...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — State subsidizes a benefit for employees..
The state would bear the cost of the tax credit, which would help businesses afford to...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral impact on transparency..
The bill does not change how transparent government or business processes are.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Employers who offer paid parental leave, and by extension, new parents and families in Ohio.
Bearing the cost: The Ohio state budget, through reduced tax revenue.

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (5R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Enact the Paid Parental Leave Act

OH HB231

Introduced · recorded 2025-04-15

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give money back to businesses in Ohio if they let new parents take paid time off from work, helping families.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Workers

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB231) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb231>

LegiScan — HB231 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB231/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb231-024078

YOUR NOTES

The Homeowners & Renters Bill

Ohio homeowners and renters could get tax money back

OH HB365 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people in Ohio keep more of their money. If you own a home or rent, and your property taxes or part of your rent cost more than five cents out of every dollar you make, the state would give you some money back. This could make it easier for families to pay for other important things like food or school supplies. It aims to help people who spend a big part of their income on housing. This is a chance for...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

Accountability (neutral) — Not applicable.

This bill does not directly address accountability issues.

Rights & Protections (helps) — Helps protect financial well-being.

It would help protect homeowners and renters from high housing costs by offering a refund.

Who Bears the Cost (helps) — State budget pays, helps citizens.

The state budget would cover the cost of these refunds, shifting the burden from...

Process Transparency (neutral) — Not applicable.

The bill does not change how transparent government processes are.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Homeowners and renters in Ohio

Bearing the cost: Ohio state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 20D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Enact the Property Tax Refund Act

OH HB365

Introduced · recorded 2025-06-17

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give homeowners and renters money back if their housing costs are too high compared to what they earn.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB365) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb365>

LegiScan — HB365 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB365/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb365-037560

YOUR NOTES

The Homeowners & Renters Bill

Ohio homeowners and renters could get tax money back

OH SB22 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help many Ohio families who spend a lot of their income on housing. If passed, it would give them a tax credit or money back, making it easier to pay for their homes. This is a chance for people to get real financial help. It's important to let your lawmakers know if you think this is a good idea while the bill is still new.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
This bill is about financial relief, not government accountability.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps protect financial well-being.
It would give money back to people struggling with high housing costs, protecting their...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Shifts cost from individuals to state.
The state would pay for this tax credit, helping homeowners and renters keep more of...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill's text does not provide information about process transparency.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Homeowners and renters
Bearing the cost: Ohio state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (1R / 5D)

Authorize tax credit or rebate for certain homeowners, renters

Introduced · recorded 2025-01-22

This bill would give money back to Ohio homeowners and renters if their property taxes or rent are too high compared to their income, helping them keep more of their money.

Everyday People

Official text (OH SB22) – <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/sb22>

LegiScan – SB22 – <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/SB22/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-sb22-936951

The Organ Donors Bill

Ohio helps employers give organ donors paid time off

OH HB122 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who want to donate an organ. Donating an organ takes a lot of time, and not everyone can afford to miss work without pay. If companies get a tax credit, they might be more willing to give employees paid time off for this important medical procedure. This could mean more people get the chance to save a life without losing their job or money. It's a way to support both employees and those needing...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Encourages employer support.
Employers would be encouraged to support employees through organ donation by offering...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects employee income.
Employees who wish to donate an organ would be better protected from losing income or...
- Who Bears the Cost (hurts)** — State tax revenue reduction.
The state of Ohio would see a reduction in tax revenue due to the credits given to...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — Standard legislative process.
The bill is moving through the standard legislative process, with no signs of being...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Employers who provide paid leave for organ donation
Bearing the cost: Ohio state tax revenue

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (11R / 6D)

HOW THEY VOTED

House • 2025-06-18 — passed
Yes 64R/32D • No 0R/0D

THE BILL ITSELF

Create tax credit for employers providing organ donors paid leave

OH HB122

Engrossed · recorded 2025-06-18

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give companies a tax break if they let employees take paid time off to donate an organ, making it easier for people to save lives.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB122) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb122>

LegiScan — HB122 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB122/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb122-981241

YOUR NOTES

The Child Care Bill

Ohio bill helps bosses pay for child care

OH HB167 • Work & Wages

9/10 **LIBERATE**
Helps everyday people



WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill could make it easier for parents to afford child care and stay in their jobs. If companies get tax breaks for helping with child care, more businesses might offer this support. This helps families directly by lowering a big cost. People who want to help working families should pay attention to this bill as it moves through the statehouse.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not directly change how accountable companies or the government are.
- Rights & Protections** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not add or remove any rights or protections for ordinary people.
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Shifts cost away from individuals.
The state would bear the cost of the tax credits, which would help companies and, in...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill does not affect how transparent government processes are.

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Companies that provide child care support
- Bearing the cost:** Ohio state tax revenue

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Authorize tax credits for certain child care expenditures

OH HB167

 Introduced · recorded 2025-03-12

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give companies money back on their taxes if they help workers pay for child care, making it easier for parents to work.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB167) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb167>

LegiScan — HB167 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB167/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb167-006592

YOUR NOTES

The Temporary Break Bill

Ohio homeowners could get a temporary break on property taxes

OH HB266 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who have owned their homes for a long time by lowering their property taxes. This could make it easier for families to afford to stay in their homes, especially if property values and taxes keep going up. While this is good for homeowners, some might worry that less money from property taxes could mean less money for local schools or other public services. It is important to watch this bill as it...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact on accountability..
This bill does not directly address accountability for powerful entities or individuals.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Protects homeowners' financial stability..
By offering a tax credit, the bill would help protect homeowners' ability to afford their...
- Who Bears the Cost** (helps) — Shifts cost burden away from homeowners..
The cost of the tax credit would be borne by the state or local government through...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — No specific impact on transparency..
The bill's text does not provide details about its legislative process or transparency...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Ohio homeowners
- Bearing the cost:** Ohio state and local governments

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (5R / 1D)

Authorize temporary property tax credit for certain homesteads

Introduced · recorded 2025-05-13

This bill would give some Ohio homeowners a temporary tax break on their homes, saving them money on yearly property bills.

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Official text (OH HB266) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb266>

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Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb266-030625

The Veterans & Families Bill

Ohio offers tax breaks for hiring veterans and their families

OH HB529 • Work & Wages

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help people who have served our country and their families find jobs. It would give businesses a tax break for hiring veterans, active service members, and their spouses. Supporters say this is a good way to thank these families and help them get back on their feet. Some might worry that giving tax breaks means the state collects less money, which could affect other important services. This bill is just...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral impact.
The bill focuses on incentives rather than accountability for actions.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps a specific group.
It aims to help veterans, service members, and their spouses find employment by making...
- Who Bears the Cost** (hurts) — State budget impact.
The cost of the tax credits would be borne by the state's general budget through lost tax...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Standard legislative process.
The bill is currently in the early stages, introduced and referred to committee...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Businesses hiring veterans, service members, and spouses
Bearing the cost: Ohio state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Bipartisan sponsorship (3R / 7D)

Authorize tax credit if hiring veterans, service members, spouses

Introduced · recorded 2025-10-15

This bill would give companies money back on their taxes if they hire veterans, service members, or their spouses, helping these families find jobs.

Workers

Official text (OH HB529) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb529>

LegiScan – HB529 – <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB529/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb529-046564

The Breaks Groups Bill

Ohio will give tax breaks to groups building homes

OH HB704 • Housing & Property

9/10 **LIBERATE**
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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would help charities build more homes for people to own. This could make it easier for people to find a home. Some might say that giving tax breaks means less money for other state services. But others would argue that helping people own homes is a good use of state money. This bill is still new, so now is the time to let your lawmakers know what you think.

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability** (neutral) — Neutral.
The bill creates a tax credit, not directly impacting accountability for actions.
- Rights & Protections** (helps) — Helps housing access.
By supporting charities that build homes, this bill could help more people have a place...
- Who Bears the Cost** (neutral) — Public investment.
The state would give up some tax money, but this money would go towards building homes...
- Process Transparency** (neutral) — Early stage.
The bill is newly introduced and referred to committee, meaning it is at an early stage...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

Pushing for it: Charitable organizations that build owner-occupied housing
Bearing the cost: Ohio state general fund (taxpayers)

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Enact the Promised Land Act

OH HB704

Introduced · recorded 2026-02-17

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would give tax breaks to charities that build homes, which could help more people own a place to live.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB704) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb704>

LegiScan — HB704 — <https://legiscan.com/OH/bill/HB704/2025>

Live status, community verdicts and how your own reps voted — www.obillerate.com/bill/oh-hb704-118235

YOUR NOTES

The Test School Bill

Ohio bill would test school radon, offer home tax credits

OH HB820 • Housing & Property

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill wants to make sure schools test for radon, a gas you cannot see or smell that can make people sick, like causing cancer. It also wants to give people money back on their taxes to help pay for fixing radon problems in their homes. This could make schools and homes safer for kids and families. Some people might worry about how much this would cost the state or schools to do all the testing and give out tax money. But...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Accountability (helps)** — Schools must test.
The bill would require schools to test their buildings for radon, making them accountable...
- Rights & Protections (helps)** — Protects health.
This bill would protect people's health by finding and helping to fix a dangerous gas in...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — State helps pay.
The state would help people and businesses pay for fixing radon through tax credits, and...
- Process Transparency (neutral)** — No info given.
The bill text does not provide details about how transparent the process for testing or...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** School children and homeowners
- Bearing the cost:** Ohio state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Republican-sponsored (1R / 0D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Require school radon testing; create home radon tax credits

OH HB820

Introduced · recorded 2026-04-13

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would make schools test for a dangerous gas called radon and help people get money back on their taxes for fixing radon in their homes, making places safer.

WHO IT'S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB820) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb820>

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YOUR NOTES

The Families Money Bill

Ohio bill would give working families more money back

OH HB903 • Work & Wages

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WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

This bill would let working families in Ohio get more money back from their taxes, even if they didn't owe much tax to begin with. Right now, if you don't owe enough tax, you might not get the full amount of the earned income tax credit. This change means more money could go directly into the pockets of people who work hard but earn lower wages. This extra money could help families pay for groceries, rent, or other important...

WHY IT SCORES 9/10 — THE RECEIPTS

- Funding Tilt (helps)** — Helps low-income families.
The bill would make the earned income tax credit partially refundable, meaning low-income...
- Who Bears the Cost (helps)** — State budget pays, individuals benefit.
The state's general fund would see a reduction in revenue, but this directly translates...

FOLLOW THE MONEY

- Pushing for it:** Low-income working families in Ohio
- Bearing the cost:** Ohio state budget

WHO'S BEHIND IT

Democrat-sponsored (OR / 9D)

THE BILL ITSELF

Make the earned income tax credit partially refundable

OH HB903

 Introduced · recorded 2026-05-13

WHAT IT DOES

This bill would help low-income workers in Ohio get more money back from their taxes, making it easier to pay for daily needs.

WHO IT’S WRITTEN FOR

Everyday People

READ IT YOURSELF

Official text (OH HB903) — <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/136/hb903>

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