

- HB5 EMINENT DOMAIN (GIBBS, B)** Implements recommendations made by the Eminent Domain Task Force.
Current Status: 6/19/2007 - Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee
Comments: None
More Information: No link available
- HB6 TATE CHILDREN HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (STEWART, J)** Increases coverage under the State Child Health Insurance Program.
Current Status: 2/20/2007 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee
Comments: LWVO supports extension of coverage to children whose parents make up to 300% of the federal poverty level.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Content.cfm?id=1147>
- HB26 URBAN HOME TEAD ONE (WOLPERT, L)** To permit the creation of urban homestead zones in cities to encourage development.
Current Status: 4/17/2008 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED
Comments: This "initiative to jumpstart Ohio's inner cities would further expand the school voucher program" a draw upper-income families back to urban areas". LWVO opposes the voucher section. Two speakers (from the Columbus Downtown Corporation & the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy) testified at the Second Hearing about the importance of increasing not only the number of residents but also family income. Improved quality of schools are essential. The Third Hearing had no witnesses present.
More Information: <http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm>
- HB 0 COUNCIL ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT (SKINDELL, M)** To create the Council on Sustainable Energy and its duties.
Current Status: 2/20/2007 - Referred to House Alternative Energy
Comments: The committee hosted a series of weekly on alternative energy from March through June. The committee concluded that they have gathered sufficient information to formulate legislation and that the proposed Council on Sustainable Energy is needed.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Content.cfm?id=1147>
- HB5 E85 FUEL OHIO TURNPIKE (FOLEY, M)** To require that blended biodiesel and E85 blend fuel be available at all Ohio Turnpike locations.
Current Status: 3/14/2007 - Infrastructure, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs, (First Hearing)
Comments: No change in status.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Content.cfm?id=1147>
- HB69 DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS PROGRAM (WOLPERT, L)** Regarding transfer of development rights programs.
Current Status: 4/26/2007 - House Local and Municipal Government and Urban Revitalization, (Fourth Hearing)
Comments: Testimony in support from the Ohio Environmental Council stressed the economic value to local government of development rights services: residential areas cost more to service than they generate in taxes, in contrast to farms & ranches which generate as much. They urge Ohio to follow other states' lead, establish the voluntary Transfer of Development Rights program on farmland, open space and important ecological and historic sites for TDR protection." Note that this program uses the same techniques.
More Information: <http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Natural Resources>
- HB 5 BOARD OF REGENTS (WEBSTER, S)** To expand the authority of the Ohio Board of Regents.
Current Status: 3/27/2007 - Education, (Fourth Hearing)

Comments: No further action since 3/27/2007 Education, (Fourth Hearing). This bill appears to contradict HB 2 authority to the Board of Regents. Some features of this proposal were blended into Amended Sub. Assembly; however, the part that proposed establishment of a purchasing consortium for state coll the Governor.

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

HB 6 NONTHERAPEUTI ABORTION (WACHTMANN, L) To prohibit the state offering, sponsoring, or endorsing a he nontherapeutic abortion.

Current Status: 3/14/2007 - Health, (First Hearing)

Comments: This bill is very similar to the bill LWVO opposed last session. LWVO will oppose this bill as well.

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB 0DY OPERATION (WHITE, J) To make changes related to the operations of the Department of Youth Services.

Current Status: 1/6/2009 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff.4/7/09

Comments: This bill would make numerous modifications and changes in the procedures of the Department of the bill to see how it aligns with our positions.

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

HB UDI IAL ALE PROPERTY (FOLEY, M) Regarding requirements for judicial sales of real property.

Current Status: 6/11/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 9/11/2008

Comments: This bill, which has bipartisan sponsorship, would aid cities in dealing with the foreclosure crisis by property bought at sheriffs sales record their deeds immediately. This simple step would allow offic the condition of their property and aid in dealing with neighborhood blight and consequent lower p lower tax revenues. LWVO supports the bill as a means of coping with the aftermath of predatory l

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB LE I LATIVE OMMITTEE MINUTE (DYER, S) Require expanded minutes or transcribed records of legislative

Current Status: 4/17/2007 - Referred to State Government and Elections Committee

Comments: HB 147 was introduced on April 10, 2007 and not referred to committee to date. LWVO expects to scheduled for hearing.

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB 5 TA REDIT ENER Y EFFI IENT DEVI E (HUGHES, J) Allow tax credit against the personal income tax for i devices in homes.

Current Status: 5/30/2007 - House Ways and Means, (Third Hearing)

Comments: Representative Hughes, Republican, Columbus LWVUS energy policy to encourage the use of renewable resources and energy conservation. The bill attempts to overcome any cost barrier associated with purchase of stated devices.

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB UD E (SEITZ, B) To increase compensation for justices and judges and to change qualifications for all judges.

Current Status: 6/12/2008 - Re-Referred to Committee

Comments: The committee is concerned about provisions of the bill requiring the Judicial Appointment Commit perspectives" of candidates.

More Information: <http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Government>

HB256PUBLI A E OUN ELOR (WAGONER, M) Establish the office of Public Access Counselor in the Court of Cl advisory opinions concerning Public Records and Open Meetings Laws.

Current Status: 1/10/2008 - House Judiciary, (Third Hearing)
Comments: LWVO will support this bill.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB295ENER Y ON ERVATION OUNTIE (WAGONER, M) To require that the amount spent by counties on energy savings from the conservation efforts.

Current Status: 5/1/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff, 7/31/2008
Comments: Representative Wagoner, Republican, Toledo
LWVUS energy policy to encourage the use of renewable resources and energy conservation.
LWVO survey of energy conservation by local jurisdictions finds that they are using great fiscal rest
This bill would erent an unnecessary bureaucratic barrier to energy conservation measures by coun
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB PE IAL EDU ATION HOLAR HIP PILOT (PETERSON, J) To create the Special Education Scholarship Pilot

Current Status: 10/30/2007 - House Education, (Second Hearing)
Comments: LWVO believes that public funds should be used only for public schools.
More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

HB 50PRE IN TELE TION OFFI ER (WOLPERT, L) Permit higher education student to serve as precinct election o school, permit up to two high school seniors to serve as precinct officers at polling places with six or more precinct

Current Status: 6/12/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 9/12/2008
Comments: Peg Rosenfield testified in support of this bill on April 23, 2008. There is good support for permittin at a precinct with 6 poll workers but less support for permitting college students to work as poll wo
More Information: <http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Government>

HB 59NUI AN E ABATEMENT (HUFFMAN, M) Extend to all counties the authority to utilize surplus delinquent tax coll abatement of deteriorated residential buildings in foreclosure.

Current Status: 6/27/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 9/30/08
Comments: This bill would allow counties to use a part of their delinquent tax collections to secure or demolish foreclosure.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB 5 REEN PA E (HOTTINGER, J) Permit land acquired by a board of township trustees for the purpose of protectin used for recreational purposes.

Current Status: 6/12/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 9/12/2008
Comments: None
More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Natural_Resources

HB 0 ON ERVATION EA EMENT (HEARD, T) To partially exempt conservation easement property from taxation.

Current Status: 11/27/2007 - Introduced
Comments: LWVO will watch this bill.
More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Natural_Resources

HB 02 ON ERVATION EA EMENT (PETERSON, J) To partially exempt conservation easement property from taxatio

Current Status: 1/23/2008 - House Ways and Means, (Second Hearing)
Comments: LWVO will probably support this bill.

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Natural_Resources

HB 06 ORPORAL PUNI HMENT (PETERSON, J) To prohibit corporal punishment in all public schools.

Current Status: 5/27/2008 - REPORTED OUT

Comments: LWVO supports this bill.

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

HB 6 REAT LA E OMPA T (DOLAN, M) Ratify the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compar requirements.

Current Status: 6/27/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; secs. 1-5 eff. 12/8/08; sec. 6 eff. 9/30/08

Comments: LWVO supports this bill

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Natural_Resources

HB 20 TATE PENDIN (BRINKMAN, T) Promote transparency with respect to state spending by requiring that certain earmarks, state real property management, state agency management, and state program effectiveness be made

Current Status: 12/30/2008 - **IN REJECTED BY GOVERNOR**, eff. 12/30/2008

Comments: None

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB 5 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (BRADY, J) Establish a moratorium on new "brick and mortar" community schools, require entities, and to eliminate the requirement that districts offer property suitable for classroom space.

Current Status: 1/30/2008 - Referred to Finance and Appropriations Committee

Comments: None

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

HB 56 OHIO CARE (RAUSSEN, J) Establish Ohio CARE; limit or deny funds under the Hospital Care Assurance Program to with Medicaid organizations.

Current Status: 5/20/2008 - House Healthcare Access and Affordability, (Twelfth Hearing)

Comments: This bill is designed to provide more coverage and options for the adult uninsured, better access to sectors; efficiency with better use of technology. Some highlights are to institute a state funded re-insurance premiums more affordable to high risk individuals, require tax exempt hospitals to publish costs of anticipates changes in this wide ranging bill and hopes it passes the House by this summer.

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB502 EQUAL DIVERSITY DISCRIMINATION (STEWART, D) Prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Current Status: 12/4/2008 - House State Government and Elections, (First Hearing)

Comments: LWVO supports this bill. It adds sexual orientation and gender identity to employment and other ci

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

HB52 LOCAL GOVERNMENT (WOLPERT, L) To create the Ohio Commission on Local Government Reform and Collabor on reforming and restructuring local government in Ohio.

Current Status: 5/15/2008 - House Local and Municipal Government and Urban Revitalization, (Sixth Hearing)

Comments: None

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

- B 00 RIME A AIN T UD E** (AUSTRIA, S) Increase penalties for certain offenses when victim is a judge.
Current Status: 5/28/2008 - SUBSTITUTE BILL ACCEPTED
Comments: Increase penalties for certain offenses when victim is a judge, including making the killing of a judge a circumstance for the imposition of the death penalty for aggravated murder. The League supports the abolition of the death penalty and a moratorium on use of the death penalty if there are hearings.
More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy
- B 22 E 5 BLEND FUEL** (MILLER, D) Set schedule for E85 blend fuel to be available at service stations on Ohio Turnpike
Current Status: 5/1/2007 - Senate Highways and Transportation, (First Hearing)
Comments: This bill is very similar to HB 54.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>
- B 2 GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE** (MILLER, D) Create Ohio Climate Commission to study impacts of global climate change
Current Status: 4/25/2007 - Senate Environment and Natural Resources, (First Hearing)
Comments: The League was advised that this bill received a hostile reaction from several Senators during sponsored hearings. Some Senators do not accept that climate change has a human cause.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>
- B COMMUNITY SCHOOL FUNDING** (PADGETT, J) To make changes in the law regarding the approval of community schools
Current Status: 2/5/2008 - Senate Education, (Fifth Hearing)
Comments: LWVO believes that public funds should be used only for public schools. LWVO testified in support of this bill.
More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy
- B 2 ELECTION BY MAIL** (CATES, G) Allow a board of elections to conduct an election by mail when no candidates are on the ballot
Current Status: 5/6/2008 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Second Hearing)
Comments: It would provide for all-mail elections for issues-only elections. The League supported a similar bill in 2006 anywhere a few years ago, but this one has some provisions that may make us nervous; and it lacks the support expected to be heard in the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs committee (which the League supported).
More Information: <http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Government>
- B SELF-DEFENSE** (BUEHRER, S) Provide a criminal defendant who properly establishes the affirmative defense of self-defense with immunity from civil liability for damages related to the acts of self-defense or defense of another.
Current Status: 6/10/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 9/9/2008
Comments: This bill is the next step for the proponents of the Concealed Carry Weapons legislation. Now that the bill allows carrying firearms in public, this seeks to grant them immunity if they should use them with less than good judgment in their home. This bill has widespread support in the Senate.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>
- B22 STATE ENERGY POLICY** (SCHULER, R) To revise state energy policy to address electric service price regulation, energy standards, and energy efficiency standards.
Current Status: 5/1/2008 - SIGNED BY GOVERNOR; eff. 7/31/2008
Comments: Senator Schuler, Republican, Cincinnati, introduced this bill to encourage the use of renewable resources and energy conservation. This bill covers the same ground as Gov. Strickland's Energy Program, which we intend to support with this bill.
More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Cont>

B2 2 RENEWABLE ENERGY (MILLER, D) Create a renewable energy portfolio standard for electric suppliers and authorize renewable energy credits.

Current Status: 12/11/2007 - Senate Energy and Public Utilities, (First Hearing)

Comments: None

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Natural_Resources

B 05 EQUAL DISCRIMINATION (MILLER, D) To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

Current Status: 5/13/2008 - Senate Judiciary - Civil Justice, (Second Hearing)

Comments: LWVO supports this bill. It adds sexual orientation and gender identity to employment and other civil rights laws.

More Information: <http://www.lwv.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home§ion=ImpactIssues&template=/CM/Content.cfm?id=1111>

B SCHOOL QUALITY (ROBERTS, T) Require regular on-site evaluations of community schools, to require certain community schools to be "qualified," and to make other changes regarding public schools.

Current Status: 5/13/2008 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

Comments: None

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

B 2 COMMUNITY SCHOOLS (ROBERTS, T) Regarding application of Public Records Law and Public Audit Law to community school operators and sanctions for community schools in arrears on workers' compensation payments.

Current Status: 5/13/2008 - Senate Education, (First Hearing)

Comments: None

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

B SCHOOL PROPERTY (ROBERTS, T) Regarding the sale of school district property to community schools.

Current Status: 5/7/2008 - Referred to Finance and Financial Institutions Committee

Comments: None

More Information: No link available

R LOTTERY PROFITS (SCHURING, K) Require all lottery profits and a percentage of revenue from certain taxes to be used for secondary, and higher education.

Current Status: 2/5/2008 - SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION ACCEPTED

Comments: LWVO is reviewing this bill but will likely oppose it.

More Information: http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Social_Policy

R6 REDISTRICTING (CATES, G) To revise the redistricting process for General Assembly and Congressional districts.

Current Status: 5/6/2008 - Senate State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs, (Third Hearing)

Comments: Ann Henkener testified on the bill on April 30, 2008. While some provisions are positive, HJR 4 is a

More Information: <http://www.lwvohio.org/possummary.htm#Government>