



**JUNE 14, 2021 REPORT #7**

***BUDGET DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE OVER THE WEEKEND; AFFORDABLE HOUSING AMENDMENT ONE OF MANY ITEMS***

As HB 110, the Biennial Budget heads to conference committee, there are numerous items to be reconciled between the House and Senate versions. Discussions were ongoing over the weekend to try to work through some of these differences. The conference committee is scheduled to meet this week. One amendment added by the Senate, at the request of the current Senate President, proposes changes to O.R.C. 5715.01 and 5713.03 dealing with the valuation of subsidized residential rental property. The amendment would require county auditors to value Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties and other properties receiving federal subsidies to be valued as market rate properties without regard to governmental use restrictions. OHBA has been closely following the issue, and has conversations with all the parties involved, including President Huffman.

Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.

***LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION BILLS ON THE MOVE***

***HB 107 ELEVATOR LAW***

**HB 107 Elevator Law ([Baldrige, B.](#))** To revise the Elevator Law.

The House Commerce and Labor committee heard concerns from elevator contractors from around the state who OHBA has been working with on HB 107. While the proponents are using public safety to justify a one size fits all licensing bill, both Mike Simko, Access Solutions, Inc., and David Fesman, Med Mart, testified sharing concerns about the overreach and scope of HB 107. While residential elevators have been exempted already from the contractor licensing, OHBA has suggested changes to address the accessibility equipment also making up the business of the contractors who do the residential work. While the bill is not scheduled for another hearing this week,

OHBA is scheduled to meet with the sponsor to reiterate concerns heard from those in the residential elevator industry. OHBA continues to watch HB 107 and work on language to further clarify the scope of the licensing legislation.

***EXPANSION OF LICENSING TO RESIDENTIAL PLUMBING, HVAC,  
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTORS***

**SB 142 Occupational Regulation (Schaffer, T.)** To license residential only construction contractors and to make changes to the law regulating specialty construction contractors. OHBA continues to have discussions with the bill's sponsor, and has submitted proposed changes to SB 142 to further clarify the ability to use subcontractors, and maintain the scope of the bill as it applies to specialty contractors.

***RESIDENTIAL ROOFING REGISTRATION LEGISLATION***

**SB 64 Roofing Contractors (Hottinger, J., Lang, G.)** To regulate and require the registration of roofing contractors.

The Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee accepted a substitute version last week before hearing testimony from the insurance industry. Among the changes is language to clarify that new home construction is not covered. OHBA has been working closely with the sponsors and proponents, the insurance industry, on a bill that makes the most sense in that it is primarily tied to regulating roofing contractors as their work is tied to insurance payments. SB 64 includes various provisions already in the Consumer Sales Practices Act (CSPA), as well as protections such as, provisions that allow consumers to cancel the contract three days after finding out that their insurer has denied their claim, in whole or in part. SB 64 clearly allows for subcontracting, and would not apply to new home construction.

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***OHBA SUMMER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING JUNE 22 & 23***

If you have not signed up for OHBA's Summer Board of Trustees Meeting, now is the time to do so! Information has been sent out and we will have special guests Lt. Governor Jon Husted, Rep. Scott Wiggam and NAHB Chief Lobbyist Jim Tobin in attendance. If you need meeting information, please email OHBA at [build@ohiohba.com](mailto:build@ohiohba.com).