



**JUNE 30, 2021 REPORT #8**

***HB 110 BUDGET AWAITS GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE AS LEGISLATURE BREAKS FOR SUMMER RECESS***

Numerous differences between House and Senate versions of HB 110 were worked out and voted on by the conference committee earlier this week. The House and Senate were in session until late Monday night finally voting to pass HB 110, sending it to the Governor's desk. One amendment added by the Senate, at the request of the current Senate President, proposed changes to O.R.C. 5715.01 and 5713.03 dealing with the valuation of subsidized residential rental property. The amendment would have required 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. One of hundreds of changes included in the conference committee report, removed this language and replaced it with a study committee of ten members appointed by the Governor. OHBA is one of the ten to be represented on the committee.

Feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.

***LEGISLATIVE RECAP***

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

The House Commerce and Labor committee voted HB 107 out of committee and the full House passed the legislation last week with a vote of 81-9. In prior hearings, the committee heard concerns from elevator contractors from around the state who OHBA has been working with on 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. OHBA will continue to work on changes in the Senate to HB 107 over the summer and when the legislature returns in the fall.

**HB 175 Water Pollution** (Hillyer, B.) To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws.

The House Agriculture Committee had a hearing last week where HB 175 had been marked for a possible vote. Unfortunately, the Chairman decided not to report the bill out of committee, but instead held the legislation, asking the parties to work together over the summer. OHBA responded, expressing disappointment with the lack of vote, and failure to keep HB 175 moving through the process while discussions were also taking place. OHBA continues to work with interested parties and the sponsor in support of HB 175.

**HB 201 Natural Gas And Propane** (Stephens, J.) To prevent local governments from limiting use of natural gas and propane.

Passed in Senate (6/24/2021; 24-7)

A measure prohibiting local governments from preventing consumers from obtaining natural gas service or propane is on its way to the governor after clearing the Senate on Thursday. HB 201, which is opposed by local government groups that claim it infringes on home rule, cleared the chamber in a party-line vote. OHBA has been part of several groups offering its support of HB 201.

Please feel free to contact with any questions.

### ***SAVE THE DATE***

Mark your calendar for OHBA's Fall Board of Trustees Meeting on November 16, 2021 at the Hilton Easton, Columbus.