



**MARCH 31, 2022 REPORT #5**

***SENATE PASSES EPHEMERAL STREAM LEGISLATION***

**HB 175 Water Pollution (Hillyer, B.)**

To deregulate certain ephemeral water features under various water pollution control laws. [Text/Analysis](#)

After the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee adopted a substitute bill, including several amendments supported by OHBA, the committee voted to favorably report HB 175. The very next day, the Senate passed HB 175 with a party line vote of 25-8. The House is supposed to concur on Senate amendments during session next week, at which time the bill will be sent to the Governor for his signature.

Along with exempting any non-jurisdictional ephemeral streams from being a 'water of the state', HB 175 also sets forth reasonable mitigation requirements using storm water management for impacts to such features falling under the current WOTUS definitions. Further, the bill makes changes to make the Interagency Review Team process more transparent.

Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions.

***FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED HOUSING STUDY COMMITTEE***

In response to language in the budget creating the study committee, the committee is required to submit a report to the General Assembly no later than July 1, 2022, that makes recommendations about the valuation and valuation process of federally subsidized residential rental property. OHBA's appointment is Jeff Woda and he is doing a great job on the committee representing the industry. While the committee has been narrowly tasked, given recent testimony, it is still uncertain where committee is going, or if there will be a broader discussion on all types of housing and the challenges facing housing in Ohio. The next meeting of the Committee is still to be determined.

## **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

### **HB 304 Smoke Alarms ([Baldrige, B.](#))**

To amend the law regarding smoke alarms in residential premises. [Text/Analysis](#)  
Committee Hearing in House [Commerce & Labor](#)

HB 304 had sponsor testimony in the Senate Veterans and Public Safety Committee. OHBA has presented language to the sponsor, and discussed changes to the Senate Chairman and Committee on provisions of HB 304 mandating changes to the Residential Building Code more appropriately handled by the Residential Construction Advisory Committee (RCAC).

### **SB 47 Overtime Pay [Brenner, A. Peterson, B.](#)**

To except traveling to and from a worksite and performing certain routine tasks from the overtime pay requirement.

Am. 4111.03 and to enact section 4111.031

The Senate concurred in house amendments to a measure ([SB 47](#) ) that would exempt employers from Ohio's requirement to pay overtime wages when an employee is engaged in traveling to and from a worksite or performing specific tasks in a party line vote.

The measure passed the lower chamber in a 56-36 vote earlier this month after picking up an amendment requiring employees to opt-in as opposed to opt-out of a civil action for violations of overtime law.

Please feel free to contact OHBA with any questions or concerns.

## ***SUMMER BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING***

Mark your calendar for OHBA's Summer Board of Trustees Meeting – June 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting will take place in Dublin at the Brick House Blue. We have a nationally known economist Dr. Ted Jones as a guest speaker. Detailed information will be emailed out in the near future.