



House Bill 49: State Main Operating Budget FY2018-19

Greater Ohio Policy Center is a non-profit organization with a mission to champion revitalization and sustainable growth in Ohio. We use education, research, and outreach to develop and advance policies and practices that create revitalized communities, strengthen regional cooperation, and preserve Ohio's open space and farmland.

Below is a summary of Greater Ohio's positions on several issues pending in House Bill 49 or that Greater Ohio supports for inclusion in the bill.

- **Lead Paint Abatement & Lead Safe Home Registry**
 - 'As-introduced' version creates the Lead-safe Residential Rental Unit Registry, maintained by the director of the Ohio Department of Health. This voluntary, online registry will provide an opportunity for families to more easily find lead-safe homes when looking for places to live.
 - Owners can register qualified properties which have undergone documented lead-safe maintenance practices (if the property was constructed before January 1, 1978).
 - Provides \$4.8 million in annual funding over the biennium for lead remediation and associated testing services for homes under lead hazard orders, ensuring that more properties are made safe for families, and their children.
 - Greater Ohio Policy Center **Supports** this provision in HB49.

- **Brownfield Redevelopment**
 - Proposed amendment would modify ORC Chapter 725 (Urban Renewal Projects) to make it absolutely clear that environmental remediation is an allowable purpose whether the land is publicly or privately owned
 - Would allow semiannual service payment amounts to exceed foregone real estate taxes on the improvements, if the parties to the development agreement concur
 - Differences would be made up with charges passed through to tenants or from other project revenue
 - Greater Ohio Policy Center **Supports the Inclusion** of this provision in HB49.

- **Medicaid Managed Care Organization – Sales Tax**
 - The federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a directive that Ohio cannot continue applying state and local sales taxes on the premiums of Medicaid Managed Care Organizations (MCO's.)
 - HB49 provides for a new service fee to be charges to make the state whole while only providing partial, temporary financial relief to counties and transit agencies.
 - Greater Ohio Policy Center **Supports the Inclusion** of a provision in HB49 that will extend greater financial relief to counties and transit agencies.

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- **Motor Fuel Tax / Fuel Tax Transparency**
 - House amendment would mandate that stickers be affixed to retail service station pumps displaying the rates of federal and state taxes applicable to gasoline and diesel fuel.
 - Stickers would be produced and distributed by the Ohio Department of Agriculture at an unknown cost to the state. Stickers would be delivered to the local sealers who are responsible for inspecting gas station pumps.
 - All pumps would be required to have the stickers affixed within 14 months of the bills effective date. Stickers would need to be replaced if damaged or if the state or federal tax rates change.
 - Greater Ohio Policy Center **Opposes the Inclusion** of this provision in HB49 as an unknown, unnecessary expense at a time the state is looking to reduce funding across the board.