



June 2025 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

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From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent Ohio House District 18

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

As we step into June, I want to take a moment to celebrate both Pride Month and Juneteenth, honoring the diversity and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community as well as the historical significance of freedom and equality for all. This is a time for us to recognize the importance of acceptance, love, and support for every individual, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender, or background.

Summer has officially begun, and with it comes a renewed energy in our community! I'm excited to be spending more time in our district over the next few months, engaging with all of you and addressing the issues that matter most. I invite you to mark your calendars for our Townhall meeting on July 10th at the Harvard Community Service Center. We will be providing a Statehouse Update, discussing the State Operating Budget, and the upcoming Nov. 5th Election

We are approaching the end of the state budget process this month. It is crucial that we make our voices heard in the Senate as decisions that impact our communities are being finalized. Your input matters, and I encourage you to reach out through emails, phone calls, or committee testimonies to advocate for the resources we need and deserve.

Sincerely,
State Rep. Juanita O. Brent
House District 18



TOWN HALL

July 10 @ 6:00pm

Location: Harvard Community Service Center
18240 Harvard Ave, Cleveland, OH 44128

Rep. Brent in The Community



Ohio Education
Association



Ohio Black Judge
Association



Jewish Federation
Public Officials



United Steel
Workers



Collaborate
Cleveland
Change Maker
Award



Ohio Federation
of Teachers

Bridges To Belonging Town Hall Recap

Thank you to everyone who attended the Town Hall.

Your engagement in discussing the reality of HB1/SB88 and other anti-immigrant legislation is crucial for making sure Ohio stays open for all our communities.



2025 is about ORGANIZING!

Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: publicsafety.ohio.gov
Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL
DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov
Form Requests 800-282-1782
Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Jobs and Family Services: jfs.ohio.gov
Veteran Services 888-296-7541
Unemployment 877-644-6562

Bureau of Motor Vehicles:
www.bmv.ohio.gov
Information 800-589-TAGS

Immigrant Bills to Watch

House Bill 200

Criminal penalties for unlawful presence in Ohio

House Bill 42

Requires certain agencies to collect and report data on immigration status.

House Bill 26

Bans Ohio municipalities from providing benefits to undocumented immigrants

Senate Bill 282

Allows courts to consider immigration status when deciding on sentencing and bail

Senate Bill 281

Forces Hospitals to allow law enforcement in for immigration law enforcement

Anti-LGBTQ Bills to Watch

House Bill 172

Parental Consent for Minors' Mental Health

House Bill 190

Student Deadname Act

House Bill 249

"Indecent Exposure" Act

House Bill 196

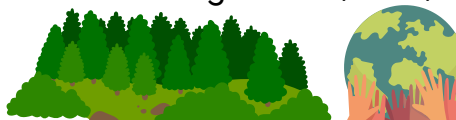
Deadname Act

House Bill 262

Ignoring Present Realities of Families Bill

Environmental Education Fund Grant

- The Environmental Education Fund supports projects that raise awareness and educate the public about important environmental issues impacting Ohio
- Two funding levels: \$500-\$5,000 and \$5K-\$50K

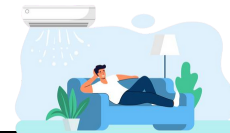


Eligible Applicants

- Local Governments
- Non-Profits / Schools
- Soil/Water Conservation District
- State Agencies
- Water/Sewer/Sanitary District

HEAP Summer Crisis Program

- HEAP Summer Crisis Program offers one-time financial assistance.
- Can be used for paying electric bills.
- The program runs from July 1 to Sept. 30.
- Eligible for purchasing air conditioners, repairing central air conditioning units.



- Step 1:** Go to development.ohio.gov
- Step 2:** Click For Individual Header
- Step 3:** Click Energy Assistance Tab
- Step 4:** Click HEAP Summer Crisis Program

Cox Charities Grant

- Cox Communications is inviting nonprofits to apply for the Cox Charities grants.

Nonprofits that focus on these areas are eligible to apply:

- Youth innovation programs in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- Conservation and sustainability initiatives
- Social justice efforts



COXCharities

Supplemental Nutrition Program Woman, Infants, and Children

- The Ohio Dept. of Health has opened opportunities for grant funding to provide nutrition education, breastfeeding education and support through their WIC Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.
- No grant award will be issued for less than \$30,000
- Contact: Amy.Alwood@odh.ohio.gov



Deadline: Monday, June 16th

Developmental Disabilities Basic Support and Advocacy Grants

- The Ohio Developmental Disabilities Council is providing funding for Community Outreach projects and Family Engagement for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities
- Projects will receive between \$20,000 to \$90,000.
- Contact: Rebecca Bates
 - Email: sara.bates@dodd.ohio.gov
 - Phone: (614) 644-5548



Eligible Applicants

- No restrictions on the groups that can apply for and receive this award.
- Example:
 - Local governments, Native American tribal organizations, non-profit businesses, etc...



Deadline: Friday, July 11th