




A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Humphrey

Dear Family,

Happy June! During the last week of May, Governor DeWine called for a special session to ensure that President Biden would be on the November ballot. Instead of a clean bill, Republicans used their gerrymandered supermajority to attack some of Ohioans most sacred fundamental freedoms.

HB 1 is a preemptive strike against this year's citizen-led ballot initiative to reform the redistricting process in Ohio. GOP politicians know that the Citizens, Not Politicians reform, which is on-track to come before voters in November, will begin dismantling their gerrymandered, supermajority grip on power.

June is also Pride Month! We must be an inclusive state where all people, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation, can live, work and raise a family safely and securely. No one should live in fear of being bullied, fired, or otherwise discriminated against simply because of who they are or who they love.

On June 19th, we observe Juneteenth, a day to celebrate African American freedom and achievements, while looking at our own self-development as Americans and our respect for the freedom and liberty of all cultures. Democrats continue to prioritize building up Black families and all Ohioans with legislation centered on health, housing, education, jobs, criminal justice reform and supporting minority owned businesses.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

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State Representative
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JUNE 19TH

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freedom day

On Juneteenth, we celebrate the official end of slavery in the United States. Today we reflect on the history of slavery, the impact of which is still felt today. We also celebrate the sacrifices made by so many on the journey towards freedom and equality.



State Representative Humphrey's House Bill 50 Becomes Law

Last month, House Bill (HB) 50, designed to assist returning citizens in obtaining stable housing, passed both legislative chambers and is now awaiting the governor's signature. The bill, which was introduced in February 2023, establishes a certificate of qualification for housing (CQH) that returning citizens can petition for, aiming to improve their chances of securing housing. The legislation also provides landlords with protections against liability for the actions of tenants holding these certificates. HB 50 passed the House with an 80-8 vote in May and the Senate with a 29-1 vote last month.

With approximately 18,000 individuals released from Ohio prisons annually, the bill addresses a significant barrier to reintegration: stable housing. Studies indicate that those without housing are seven times more likely to reoffend. By facilitating access to housing, HB 50 is expected to benefit

thousands of returning citizens each year, contributing to safer communities. The bill also stipulates that certificates will be revoked if the tenant is later convicted of a felony or violent misdemeanor, balancing second chances with community safety.

For more information on House bill 50 please visit the Ohio Legislature at <https://legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb50>.



House Bill 7 Passed House Finance Committee

State Representative Humphrey's House Bill 7 successfully passed out of the Finance Committee last month. The bill, which is part of the 135th General Assembly, has been a significant legislative focus, aiming to address various health and human services needs across Ohio. It includes new operating appropriations totaling approximately \$20.5 million for fiscal year 2024 and \$14.5 million for fiscal year 2025.

These funds are allocated to the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, supporting a range of programs from maternal and child health to early intervention services.

House Bill 7, co-sponsored by Representatives White and Humphrey, mandates several critical updates and expansions to existing health services. Among these are provisions for Medicaid to enhance mental health services for young children and their caregivers, support for evidence-based home visiting programs under the Help Me Grow initiative, and funding for new technology to aid public health

efforts. Additionally, the bill includes appropriations for programs aimed at improving infant vitality and maternal health, reflecting a comprehensive approach to strengthening health outcomes for Ohio's families.



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PASSED HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

H.B. 7- Enact the Strong Foundations Act

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