

Why Marine Businesses Care About the Statehouse

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Boaters and the Ohio Statehouse





Legislative Update

Current Issues

House Bill 211 – Abandoned Boats

House Bill 419 – Use Tax Exemption

Icebreaker

Health of Lake Erie

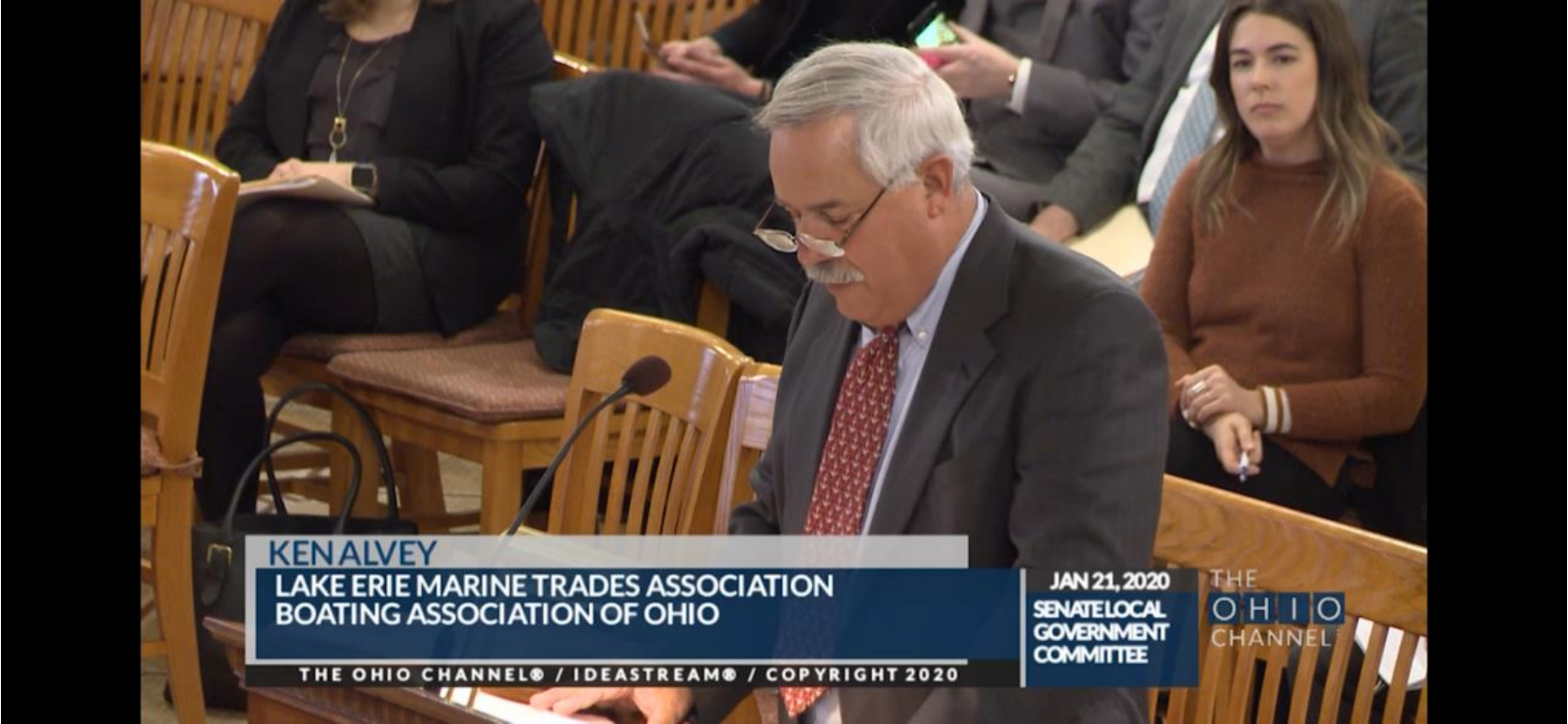


House Bill 211



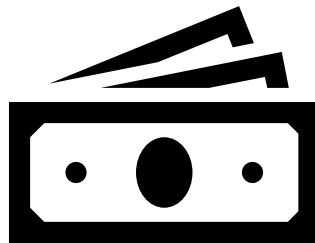
- This legislation, sponsored by former Representative Steve Arndt, would ease the process of gaining the titles of abandoned boats.
- This was a proposal that Rep. Arndt was working on during the marine conference last year.
- The bill has passed the House of Representatives unanimously.
- It is currently pending in the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Government Affairs Committee.

House Bill 211



House Bill 419

- This legislation, sponsored by Representative DJ Swearingen, would create a use tax exemption for boats in Ohio for off-season storage and maintenance.
- The bill has had 5 hearings before the House Ways and Means Committee.
- LEMTA is currently working with the bill sponsor and the Ohio Department of Taxation to finalize the language.



House Bill 419



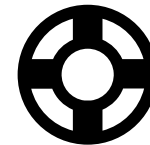
Icebreaker

- LEMTA continues to oppose efforts to install wind turbines in Lake Erie off the shores of Cleveland.
- LEMTA has been involved in coordinated efforts to built public awareness of the project.
- Currently the case is still pending before the Power Siting Board and the Public Utilities Commission.



Lake Erie

- LEMTA has worked with and supported the efforts of the Lake Erie Foundation to promote policies that address the health of Lake Erie.
- The Governor and the legislature have implemented the H2Ohio fund and initiative. This effort is equally supported by the farming community and environmental groups.
- A non-punitive approach, the H2Ohio program incentivizes best practices for farming and nutrient management.
- We are also tracking the progress of SB 2 and HB 7, both of which are supported by the Lake Erie Foundation and build on the work of H2Ohio.

The logo for H2Ohio, featuring the text "H2Ohio" in a blue, sans-serif font. The "2" is stylized with a blue circle around it. Below the text are three blue wavy lines representing water.



QUESTIONS?