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
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

EXEMPTS SEASONAL STORAGE/USE OF NON-OHIO WATERCRAFT FROM USE TAX

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HOUSE WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE

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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.
QUESTIONS?