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# **Ohio Library Council**

## **State Budget Update HB 110**

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# OVERVIEW

- Budget bill language (HB 110)
- Broadband HB 2 / SB 8
- House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education
- OLC messaging
- OLC Tools
  - Return on Investment Calculator updated
- Next Steps
- Questions

# HOUSE BILL 110 - FY 2022-2023 BUDGET

- **Public Library Fund (PLF) – Commitment to Ohio’s public libraries**
  - Funding at statutory levels in FY 2022 and FY 2023
    - 1.66% (permanent law)
  - OBM PLF distribution estimates from Blue Book:
    - FY 2021: \$430 million
    - FY 2022: \$428 million (0.5% decrease)
    - FY 2023: \$443 million (3.5% increase)

# RESIDENTIAL BROADBAND EXPANSION

## Senate Bill 8 – Sen. Rob McColley (R-Napoleon)

- Passed the Senate unanimously 32-0

## House Bill 2 – Rep. Rick Carfagna (R-Westerville) Rep. Brian Stewart (R-Ashville)

- Passed the House 91-5 (Vitale, Brinkman, Gross, Jordan, Zeltwanger voting in opposition)
- Both bills create the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program through the Development Services Agency
- HB 2 includes an emergency clause and increases funding (\$210 million)
  - \$20 million FY 21, \$170 million FY 22, and \$20 million in FY 23

# IMPORTANT HOUSE COMMITTEES

**House Finance Committee** – Chairman Oelslager, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Minority member Crawley

**House Finance Higher Education Subcommittee** – Chairman Cross, Ranking Minority member Howse, and Rep's Carfagna, Ghanbari, Jarrells

- Currently receiving testimony on HB 110
- State Library testified last week
- OLC expected to testify as early as next week

# MESSAGE TO LAWMAKERS

- Our goal is to preserve the PLF at 1.7% and maintain critical funding for Ohio's libraries.
- Educate lawmakers on how our libraries are funded, and the essential services provided to local communities.
- Positive messaging about special programs and services.
  - Education
  - Workforce development
  - Digital divide
- Our libraries offer a significant return on investment in Ohio.
  - Utilize the updated ROI calculator posted on OLC website

# PUBLIC LIBRARY FUND – TALKING POINTS

- **Public Library Fund (PLF)**
  - We appreciate the governor's commitment in supporting Ohio's public libraries through the PLF. However, the Executive Budget cuts state funding to Ohio's public libraries by reducing the PLF from 1.7% to 1.66% of the General Revenue Fund.
  - Investing in Ohio's public libraries is critical as the usage and demand for our services is growing – especially as we begin to come out of this pandemic.
  - Urge legislators to Restore the PLF at 1.7%.

# OLC BUDGET MICROSITE

<http://libraryfunding.olc.org/>

- News updates, previous webinars, testimony, and resources
- Return On Investment Calculator updated and posted on website (watch the webinar explaining how to use the calculator)



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# Questions???

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**Thank You  
and  
Stay Safe**