

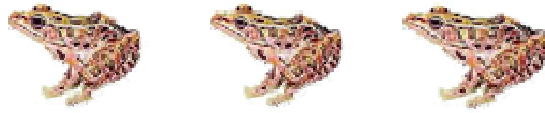


Ohio House Bill 352

(As Introduced)

Clean Water

Sponsored by Representative Linda Bolon



Support

Summary

Requires a building or structure constructed using state capital moneys to adhere to certain energy efficiency and building standards and to encourage the use of Ohio-produced products. Such state-funded projects must:

- 1) Achieve a rating of either Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver (or higher) or two green globes (or higher) from the Green Globes Environmental Assessment and Rating system by the Green Building Initiative, or an equivalent standard as determined by ODAS.
- 2) Exceed by at least 30% the most current energy efficiency standards developed by ASHRAE or achieve a national energy performance rating of not less than 77 using the Energy Star system.
- 3) Make a reasonable effort to use Ohio products and materials and to recoup the costs of implementing the requirements over a period of not more than twenty years as measured by reduced energy costs.

OEC Perspective

Imagine a state law that could assure the public that all new state-funded building projects will be engineered to save taxpayers money, improve worker productivity, and reduce environmental impacts. Sound too good to be true? Think again.




House Bill 7 proposes employing the latest in building design, construction, and operation standards to:




- Reduce building lifecycle costs for energy use, building maintenance and operation;
- Safeguard occupant health and improve worker productivity through improved indoor air quality, capture and use of natural light, and improved work space design;
- Enhance energy savings and water efficiency while reducing air emissions.

The legislation even includes a “Buy Ohio” provision to encourage the use of Ohio products and materials.

The Ohio Environmental Council supports this bill.

Bill Ratings

-  This legislation will help resolve a serious problem that threatens Ohio’s environment, and/or demonstrates significant leadership for Ohio’s future.
-  This legislation will benefit Ohio’s environment, or shows foresight in setting future environmental policy.
-  This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - benefit Ohio’s environment.

-  This legislation will cause substantial harm to Ohio’s environment, and demonstrates serious disregard for Ohio’s future.
-  This legislation will harm Ohio’s environment, or sets the state on the wrong path for future environmental policy.
-  This legislation will somewhat - or on balance - harm Ohio’s environment.