



Ohio Senate Bill 131

(As Passed by the Senate)

Bioproducts

Sponsored by Senator Karen Gillmor



Support

Summary

- Requires the Department of Administrative Services, state agencies, and state-supported institutions of higher education to give preference to purchasing biobased products, when purchasing equipment, material, or supplies.
- "Biobased product" means a product determined by the United States Secretary of Agriculture to be a commercial or industrial product, other than food or feed, that is composed, in whole or significant part, of biological products, renewable domestic agricultural materials, or forestry materials or is an intermediate ingredient or feedstock.
- Exempts the purchase of motor vehicle fuel, heating oil, or electricity from the program.

OEC Perspective

Imagine a state program that could increase the purchase and use of renewable, environmentally friendly biobased products while providing "green" jobs and new markets for farmers, manufacturers, and vendors. Say hello to Senate Bill 131! The list of qualifying biobased products approved by the USDA is growing, including such diverse products as: diesel fuel additives, penetrating lubricants, roof coatings, bedding/bed linens/towels, plastic insulating foam for residential and commercial construction, hand cleaners and sanitizers, composite panels, disposable containers, fertilizers, sorbents, and graffiti and grease removers, 2-cycle engine oils, hydraulic fluids, disposable cutlery, glass cleaners, greases, carpets, and carpet and upholstery cleaners, bathroom cleaners, concrete and asphalt release fluids, general purpose de-icers, floor strippers, laundry products, and wood and concrete sealers. Senate Bill 131 offers a "win-win" for taxpayers, farmers, and the environment.

The Ohio Environmental Council supports this bill.

Bill Ratings



This legislation will help resolve a serious problem that threatens Ohio's environment, and 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.

