

**Ohio Construction Coalition**  
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## **LEGISLATIVE ALERT!!**

**To: All OCC Partners**

**Budget Line Item would eliminate means to file Prevailing Wage complaints**  
**OCC urges concerned parties to educate their legislators about potential problems**

Certain “interested parties” – amounting to the contractors and subcontractors working on public projects – would be eliminated from being allowed to file Prevailing Wage complaints by a line item placed into the state’s House-passed, \$51.3 billion two-year budget by the Senate on Tuesday, May 24.

Line 39,611 of the budget was struck so that a number of certain “interested parties” would not be allowed to file complaints. Removed would be:

(1) Any person who submits a bid for the purpose of securing the award of a contract for construction of the public improvement;

(2) Any person acting as a subcontractor of a person mentioned in division (F)(1) of this section;

(3) Any bona fide organization of labor which has as members or is authorized to represent employees of a person mentioned in division (F)(1) or (2) of this section and which exists, in whole or in part, for the purpose of negotiating with employers concerning the wages, hours, or terms and conditions of employment of employees;

(4) Any association having as members any of the persons mentioned in division (F)(1) or (2) of this section.

**Republicans in the Senate will try to pass this budget next week! The OCC urges all of its partners to contact their state legislators to urge them to reject this line-item!**

Republican Senate President Bill Harris said he has enough votes to pass the budget as is next week, although a showdown with the House looms in mid-June over a number of issues.

Democrats criticized the plan, but Republican leaders praised it for its tight spending and job-stimulating tax changes.

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