



May 2023 Legislative Update from STATE REP. JUANITA O. BRENT

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From the desk of Rep. Juanita O. Brent HOUSE DISTRICT 22

Dear Neighbor,
May is Foster Care Month. This month we need to focus on how we can improve the condition and lives of Ohio's 15,000+ children and youth in Foster and Kinship care. This starts from better access to education to financial support.

This month I will be introducing the CROWN Act and the Black Maternal Health Week Bill. Black Maternal Health Week would be designated as April 11th-17th, a time of advocacy and activism to support the health of Ohio's Black Mothers. The CROWN Act would grant protections against hair discrimination in employment, education, housing, and credit practices.

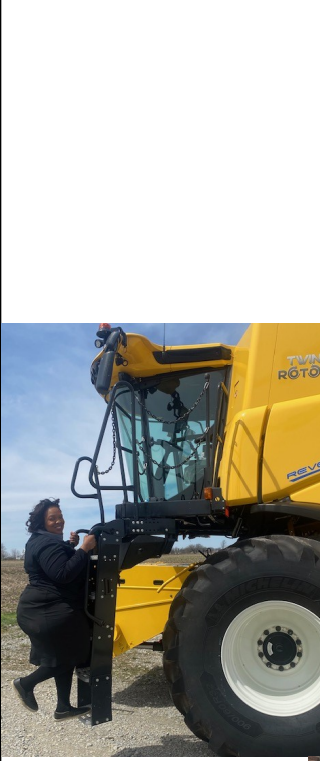
Things to anticipate this Month: The State Operational budget passed out of the Ohio House and is now moving to the Senate. The House version of the budget totals \$192 Billion. The budget now moves to the Senate for deliberation. May 5th is Hand Hygiene Day. Proper hand hygiene is an investment in your personal and communities health. Practice proper hand washing and other hand health practices to strengthen your communities health.

As always contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns

Sincerely,
State Representative Juanita O. Brent
House District 22



Out In The Community



Helpful Contacts

Public Safety: www.publicsafety.ohio.gov	Taxation: www.tax.ohio.gov	Jobs and Family Services: www.jfs.ohio.gov	Bureau of Motor Vehicles: www.bmv.ohio.gov
Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL	Form Requests 800-282-1782	Veteran Services 888-296-7541	Information 800-589-TAGS
DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI	Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780	Unemployment 877-644-6562	

CROWN Act Lobby Day

Purpose: Come and advocate for the CROWN ACT at the Statehouse.

The **CROWN Act** gives protection against hair discrimination in employment, places of public accommodation, housing, and credit practices.

FreeTheHair movement



June 14, 2023

1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH 3215.

Rep. Brent Office Hour

What is an Office Hour: A monthly open invite event hosted in a public location

Purpose: For constituents of House District 22 to speak with Rep. Brent about their comments, question and concerns.

Time: 5PM TO 7PM

May 22: East Cleveland Library

14101 Euclid Ave, East Cleveland, OH
4PM TO 6PM

Capital Budget Process

1. The Office of Budget and Management (OBM) issues Capital budget guidance.

2. State Agencies issue Capital budget submissions to the OBM.

3. OBM Reviews and works with state agencies on approving submissions.

4. OBM: Recommends approved submissions to the Governor.

5. The House and Senate introduce the Governor's recommendations into a bill, with their local community projects.

6. The Governor enacts the bill into Law

Operating Budget Highlights

The House version of the operating budget was passed out of the House with a vote of (78-19)

Community

- \$30 Million Ohio Association of Foodbanks
- Permanent increase to the Local Government Fund to 1.7%
- Permanent increase to the Public Library Fund to 1.7%

Education

- Additional funding reduced price breakfast and lunch
- \$1.3 Billion Public Education (Largest amount ever spent)
- Eliminates the third grade reading guarantee test

Healthcare

- \$1.2 Million Birthing Beautiful Communities in Cleveland
- 5-year program in Ohio Medicaid to cover Doula services
- Increased Medicaid reimbursement for Vision, Dental, and Ambulance services

Taxes

- Sales tax exemption for children's products (Diapers, cribs etc..)
- Flattens tax rate for 26K - 92k income earners
- State low income tax credit for affordable housing projects.