



# December 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,

Happy Holidays! This Holiday Season, let's celebrate Ohioans coming out and voting to secure Ohio's democracy to enshrine abortion in the Constitution (Issue 1) and Adult-Use Cannabis (Issue 2). Even though Issue 1 & Issue 2 passed in Ohio, the fight continues in the general assembly to enforce the voice of Ohioans.

To support Issues 1 & 2, I am introducing legislation: 'Cannabis For The People' and Cosponsoring the Reproductive Care Act.

### **Cannabis for the People:**

- Public & law enforcement education
- Public smoking standards same as current smoking standards
- Protect current licenses and grow licenses
- Job training for those with cannabis conviction
- Economic disparity study

### **Reproductive Care Act:**

- Enhance provider access and promote patient autonomy by eliminating the 6-week and 20-week abortion bans
- Mandatory 24-hour waiting periods, transfer agreements, and TRAP laws
- New statutes that eliminate barriers impeding the physician-patient relationship and access to care

**Pet Friendly Tax Credit Bill  
Sponsor Testimony**

Sincerely,  
State Representative Juanita O. Brent  
House District 22



## **Rep. Brent in The Community**

**Voter Rights  
Press Conference**



**Cannabis for the  
People  
Press Conference**

**Shaker Hts  
Mayor Weiss**



**Receiving Public Servant of  
the Year Award with  
University Heights  
Mayor Brennan**

## **Helpful Contacts**

<b>Public Safety:</b> <a href="http://www.publicsafety.ohio.gov">www.publicsafety.ohio.gov</a>	<b>Taxation:</b> <a href="http://www.tax.ohio.gov">www.tax.ohio.gov</a>	<b>Jobs and Family Services:</b> <a href="http://www.jfs.ohio.gov">www.jfs.ohio.gov</a>	<b>Bureau of Motor Vehicles:</b> <a href="http://www.bmv.ohio.gov">www.bmv.ohio.gov</a>
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	

# District Directory

## What is the District Directory?

The district directory is a booklet that provides information on public and elected officials as well as resources within House District 22

## Where to find District Directories

- East Cleveland Public Library
- South Pointe Hospital
- Warrensville Heights Library (CCPL)
- Shaker Heights Public Library
- Cleveland Hts- University Hts Public Library
- Shaker Heights Bertram Woods Branch
- Coventry Village Library



East Cleveland, Highland Hts, Shaker Hts, Cleveland Hts, Warrensville Hts, Cleveland West L, University Hts, North Randall  
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# Home Energy Assistance Program

The Department of Development is offering a program that provides Ohioans with assistance with home energy bills.

- Step 1:** Go to [development.ohio.gov](http://development.ohio.gov)
- Step 2:** Click the For Individual Header
- Step 3:** Click the Energy Assistance Tab
- Step 4:** Click the Home Energy Assistance Program Tab

## Legislation Update

- ◆ **HB 190** – Passed out of the Public Health Policy Committee with a 13-0 vote
- ◆ **HB 277**— Passed out of Ways and Means Committee with a ##- # vote

# Teacher Bootcamp Program

The Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation is offering reimbursement to colleges and universities for tuition costs of development courses teachers take.

- Step 1:** Go to [workforce.ohio.gov](http://workforce.ohio.gov)
- Step 2:** Click the Initiatives Header
- Step 3:** Click the [Ohio's Teacher Bootcamp Program tab](#)

**To Apply:** Email a complete application to [Teacher\\_Bootcamps@Development.Ohio.gov](mailto:Teacher_Bootcamps@Development.Ohio.gov)

# CDL Improvements

New upgrades for renewing and receiving a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) have been announced.

## CDL Modernized Testing

- Ohio truckers can now renew their CDL online
- Ohio truckers will be tested on real-world scenarios.
- Commercial Learner's Permit (CLP) has been increased from six months to 12 months

# Healthy Aging Grants

The Department of Aging is providing funds to Ohio counties to support local aging service organizations, Agencies, and Service providers.

- Step 1:** Go to [aging.ohio.gov](http://aging.ohio.gov)
- Step 2:** Click the Care & Living Header
- Step 3:** Click the Health Aging Grants tab

**Call Aging Grant Cuyahoga Contact to Apply**  
**(216) 698-2010**



# In the Community

# Capital Budget

The Capital Budget provides funding for improvements in state infrastructure and local community brick-and-mortar projects. The One Time Strategic Community Fund is for one-time projects that make a meaningful difference in the lives of Ohioans.

Deadline to submit an Project Worksheet Application: **Monday Dec. 18th**

One Time Strategic Community Fund	\$700 million
Capital Budget	Roughly \$3.5 Billion (Full Amount) Roughly \$150 Million (Community Projects)

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