

# Ohio Statehouse Landscape



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# State Housing Bills

- House Bill 126
  - Property Valuation Complaints
  - Limits local governments' ability to contest property valuations



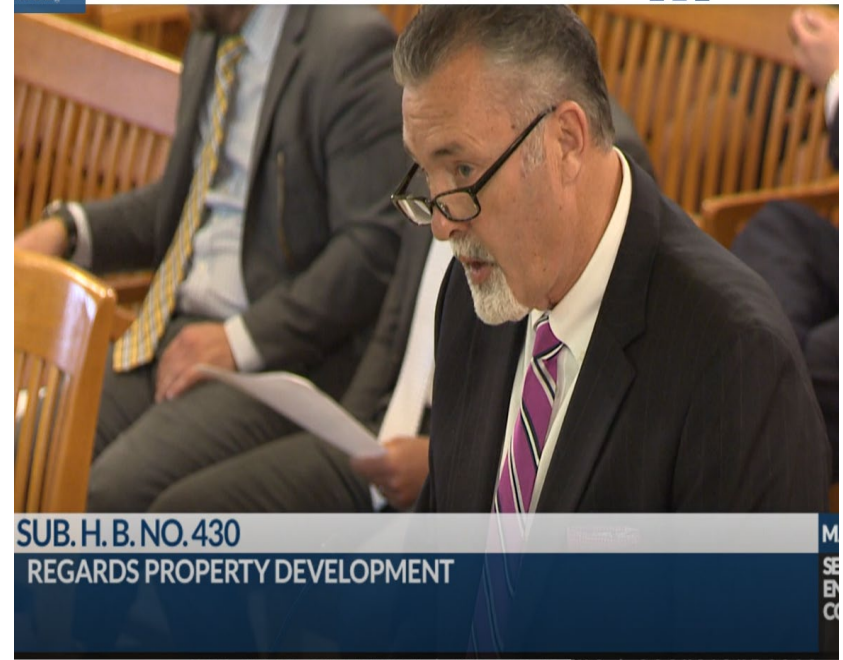
I am writing on behalf of the members of the Ohio Apartment Association (OAA) in support of House Bill 126. OAA is a federation of nine local apartment associations. OAA members own or manage about 500,000 rental units across the state of Ohio. House Bill 126 is a first step in rationalizing Ohio's property valuation process.

As significant property owners and operators in our communities, property taxes are one of the largest costs of business that OAA members face. In years past, we have been able to plan for increases – in line with improvements to the property and the statutory assessment periods. State law requires counties to revalue all real estate property every six years with an update at the three-year midpoint. The only changes to a property's value outside of the three-year cycle should be due to physical changes to the property (improvements such as the addition of a porch, patio or deck) or the demolition of an existing structure. But, Ohio is one of a minority of states that allows

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- House Bill 430
  - Rent Control Pre-emption
  - Local governments cannot enact rent control measures



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- House Bill 182/Senate Bill 317 – source of income protection
- House Bill 256 – domestic violence victims can terminate rental agreements



# Columbus Ballot Initiative

**To Amend Section 137 of Columbus City Codes, 1959 to Create the Department of Fair Housing to Administer the Columbus Fair Housing Code under the Columbus Compact**

## **INITIATIVE PETITION**

Columbus City Charter Sections 42 and 43,  
Ohio Revised Code Sections 3501.38, 3503.06

**NOTE: Prior to circulation of an initiative petition, a certified copy of the petition must be filed with the City Clerk.**

**NOTICE: Whoever knowingly signs this petition more than once; signs a name other than one's own on this petition, except as provided by general laws of the state; or signs this petition when not a qualified elector of the City of Columbus, is liable to prosecution**

**To the City Clerk of the city of Columbus, Ohio:**

We, the undersigned, electors of the city of Columbus, Ohio respectfully request that the ordinance proposed herein be adopted by the Council or submitted to a vote of the electors of this city for their approval or rejection at the next regular municipal election to be held not less than 60 days nor more than 120 days thereafter;

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