



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [Am. H.B. 436 of the 129th G.A.](#) **Date:** May 21, 2012
Status: As Reported by Senate Ways & Means & Economic Development **Sponsor:** Reps. Grossman and Anielski

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Creates the SiteOhio Certification Program within the Department of Development

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) will incur administrative costs to start up and operate (or contract with another entity to operate) the SiteOhio Certification Program that is created by the bill.
- Although the initial administrative costs of starting up the program will presumably be absorbed by ODOD using current resources, the bill permits ODOD to charge an application fee for the program to cover ongoing operating costs. Application fees will be deposited into the SiteOhio Administration Fund, which is created by the bill.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill creates the SiteOhio Certification Program within the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) to certify and market projects that, upon completion, will be sites intended for commercial, industrial, or manufacturing use. As part of this new program, the bill requires ODOD to establish scoring criteria, scoring instruments, and materials to review applications. Once a site is approved, ODOD must list the certified project on the agency's web site and market the site to interested persons. The bill allows ODOD to either (1) contract with other entities to administer all or part of the SiteOhio Certification Program, or (2) administer the program in-house.

Initially, the new program may increase ODOD's administrative burden as it adopts rules and establishes the scoring process as described above. However, the bill permits ODOD to charge an application fee to entities wishing to enroll their sites in the program. So, once the program is operational, ongoing operating expenses will presumably be covered by this fee. The revenue from the application fees is to be deposited into the SiteOhio Administration Fund, which is created by the bill.