



A Legislative Report from Rep. Kenny Yuko

7th District of Ohio • Cities of Euclid and South Euclid, Richmond Heights and Collinwood



Kenny Yuko
State Representative

Dear Constituents,

One of our most important challenges is to provide for Ohio's economic future, and that means jobs. Helping create new jobs is our top priority.

That's why I have joined with business leaders across the state to support renewing and expanding the Ohio Third Frontier Program.

The Third Frontier Program has created thousands of Ohio jobs and jump started high-growth industries such as the biomedical, advanced materials and alternative energy sectors. We cannot risk slowing the positive economic growth that this successful program has generated.

The Ohio Third Frontier Program began in 2002 with bipartisan support and voter approval. It is a 10 year, \$1.6 billion bond program that allows for targeted support of technology companies that diversify and accelerate Ohio's knowledge-based economy.

Ohio's future economic prosperity depends on our ability to shift from traditional manufacturing industries to the high-growth, technology-intensive industries of tomorrow. The Third Frontier not only accelerates our economic transition, it also creates good-paying jobs for Ohioans.

According to an independent evaluation conducted by Stanford Research Institute (SRI) International, the Ohio Third Frontier program has already created 41,300 jobs over the past seven years with over \$2.4 billion in employee wages and benefits. The report also showed that taxpayers were seeing more than a 10 to one return on investment and from 2003 to 2008 an investment of \$681 million of state expenditures resulted in over \$6.6 billion of statewide economic impact.

I hope we can continue this important program and expand it's efforts to help move Ohio forward during difficult economic times.

Sincerely,

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State Representative

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You have several options if you would like to contact Representative Yuko. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions and will do everything we can to help you. We also welcome invitations to speak to your group or organization.



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Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program
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Jobs and Family Services, Department of

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/>

Veteran Services Division 800-253-4060
Unemployment Compensation Hotline 877-644-6562

Motor Vehicles, Bureau of

<http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/>

General Information 800-589-TAGS

Public Safety, Department of

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/>

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL
State Highway Patrol DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/>

General Information 800-686-PUCO

Taxation, Department of

<http://tax.ohio.gov/>

Form Requests 800-282-1782
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future reference!**

More Money for HEAP This Winter

New Guidelines Mean More Homes Will Be Heated



More Ohioans will be able to get help paying their heating bills this winter. The Ohio

Department of Development has increased the income level guidelines so that more people will be eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

Households are eligible for HEAP assistance if their income is at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, an increase from the previous level of 175 percent. This means the program will help heat more homes this winter.

The state is expecting to have approximately \$220 million in Home Energy Assistance Program

funds this winter to help eligible low-income Ohioans meet the cost of home energy bills. The Program, administered by the Department's Office of Community Services, pays a one-time payment for the current winter heating season. Households with elderly or disabled members may qualify for a larger amount of assistance.

A special component of HEAP, the Winter Crisis Program, is administered by Community Action agencies throughout Ohio. The Winter Crisis Program provides assistance once per heating season to eligible households that are disconnected, threatened with disconnection, or have less than a 10 day supply of bulk fuel.

For more information about HEAP or to apply for assistance, call the toll free HEAP hotline at 1-800-282-0880, Monday through Friday or visit energyhelp.ohio.gov.

Ohio Extends Unemployment Compensation

Those Enrolled Full-Time In Education or Training Programs Now Eligible

The Ohio House has taken great strides this past year to enhance Ohio's education system in order to secure prosperity for our state both today and tomorrow.

In a further show of support of education, Governor Strickland has announced a state program that extends unemployment compensation benefits to all students enrolled in full-time education or training programs. Previously, only those students enrolled in certain education or training programs were exempt from the program's work-search requirement. This requirement states that those applying for unemployment compensation declare they are "able, available and actively seeking work."

The benefits expansion makes going back to school an option for those who were not previously considering it because it was out of their reach financially.



"To build a robust economy from the ground up, Ohio's working people must have every opportunity to get the education and training they need to land the new kinds of jobs our economy is creating," Governor Strickland said. "This policy change will help those Ohioans hardest hit by the recession to obtain job training skills without sacrificing their ability to continue providing for their families."

The Obama Administration is also looking to ease the financial burden of those looking to go back to school. Under a current provisions, those getting unemployment compensation can receive special consideration for financial aid to pay for education or job training programs.

To find out more about applying for unemployment compensation, visit the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services at www.jfs.ohio.gov or call 1-877-644-6562.

Childhood Obesity a Serious Health Problem in Ohio

Two Bills in the Ohio House Would Promote Healthier Lifestyles for Kids

It's not your imagination. Kids these days do weigh more, and obesity in young people has become a serious problem.

Around 30 percent of Ohio's children are obese, which increases the likelihood of Type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, and other health problems. Ohio is one of the worst ranking states in school nutrition according to the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.



Two bills are being considered in the Ohio House to deal with this significant health issue.

The Healthy Choices for Healthy Children legislation (HB 373) includes school-based initiatives that will increase physical activity, raise the bar for physical education and improve the nutritional value of foods offered during the regular and expanded school day.

The Problem is Getting Worse

- Childhood obesity has tripled in the past generation
- Most overweight adolescents have at least one cardiovascular risk factor (high cholesterol, diabetes or high blood pressure)
- Most overweight young people become overweight adults
- The percentage of people more than 100 pounds overweight has quadrupled from one in 200 to one in 50 between 1986 and 2000.
- Obese patients spend 36% more on health care services and 77% more on medications

Source: Ohio State Medical Association

1 in 3 Ohio children are overweight/obese

Ohio is the 15th fattest state for children

American Heart Association/American Stroke Association



The bill also provides for Body Mass Index (BMI) screenings upon school entry and in 3rd, 5th and 9th grades. Schools would teach parents about their child's BMI and the health risks associated the results.



The goal is to get parents and kids thinking about making healthy lifestyle choices. The tools in this bill will help parents identify and deal with problems before serious health issues come up. The earlier young people start healthy habits, the better for their health and less expensive it will be for everyone in the long run.

A second bill (HB 60) requires snacks sold in public school vending machines to meet certain nutritional standards.

The bill would limit drinks to milk, water and juice products, with some alternative beverages such as low calorie sodas permitted at the high school level. It also limits the fat, sugar, sodium and caloric content in snacks.



The standards in House Bill 60 are based on guidelines set forth by the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, the American Heart Association, as well as many businesses, including Pepsi and Mars.

Medical experts say childhood obesity is one of the biggest public health issues confronting Ohio. By taking the steps outlined in these two bills, plus a greater awareness of the need for kids to be more active and eat better, we can prevent today's young people from being the first generation of Ohioans to have shorter lives than their parents.



Legislative Survey

REPRESENTATIVE KENNY YUKO
FEBRUARY 2010

Your views on issues facing state government are important to me. Please take the time to share your opinion on the following topics. I look forward to hearing from you!

1. Do you support a statewide ban on texting while driving?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

2. Would you support raising the speed limit for passenger vehicles on rural interstate freeways from 65 mph to 70 mph?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

3. Do you support statewide efforts to update the passenger rail transportation system throughout Ohio?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

4. Do you support limits on marketing by credit card companies on university and college campuses?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

5. Would you support an increase in the amount of insurance drivers must have in order to legally drive in this state?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

6. Would you support treatment over incarceration for juvenile offenders?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

7. Would you like to see an increase in the use of solar panels, wind turbines and other renewable energy system at schools and other government buildings?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

8. Please list what you believe to be the three biggest issues facing Ohio:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Additional Comments:

Please fold and return this form to me at the address listed on the other side. If you would like to receive information and legislative updates in the future, please provide the following information:

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**Thank you for completing this legislative survey.
Please don't hesitate to contact my office
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