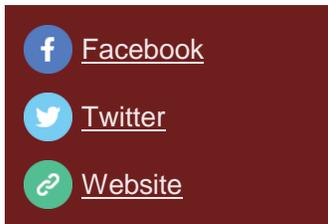




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## ***Legislative Update***

Below is a list of legislation the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission is tracking. We encourage you to become familiar with these proposals, as they could affect Ohio's Latino community. To read a complete list of tracked legislation, [click here](#).

### ***News Impacting the Community***

La Prensa  
[21st Annual Hispanic Leadership Conference](#)

Vocero Latino  
[Nationally Renowned Architect of Hip-Hop Therapy, Tomas Alvarez III, will keynote CPAC Creative Intersections Event](#)

Mujer Latina Today  
[Cómo administrar mejor tu tiempo](#)

Columbus Dispatch  
[Ohio should OK online registration](#)

Dayton Daily News  
[Low-income Ohioans on Medicaid may face premiums and co-pays](#)

Cincinnati Enquirer  
[Lawmaker floats anti-transgender bathroom bill](#)

### **House Bill 523 - Medical Marijuana**

[HB 523](#) would authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes, and would establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program. The bill was introduced this month by physician and State Rep. Stephen Huffman, who is working with legislative leaders to pass the legislation ahead of proposed ballot measures in November. If the legislation is passed by the Ohio legislature it would only change Ohio law, whereas ballot proposals would amend the Ohio Constitution.

#### **Major provisions of the bill:**

- \* Qualifying medical conditions are not specified in the bill, but doctors would have to report every 90 days as to why they have recommended the marijuana
- \* Patients would not be allowed to grow their own marijuana, and dispensaries would operate similar to Ohio's liquor control system
- \* Edibles, patches, plant material and oils would be permitted. Smoking marijuana is not specifically permitted in the bill, but it is not ruled out either.
- \* Financial institutions that do business with marijuana businesses would be provided a "safe harbor" to avoid potential criminal charges
- \* If passed by the summer, individuals could begin buying and using marijuana by 2018.

Columbus Dispatch  
[Beatty urges faster unveiling  
of new \\$20 bill](#)

Dayton Daily News  
[Sports figures back Kasich's  
presidential bid](#)

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### **Upcoming Events:**

The Power of Executive  
Coaching, Columbus -  
April 27

Healthy Woman  
Workshop, Toledo - April  
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Dia de nos niños  
celebration, Columbus -  
April 30

Prospanica Executive  
Panel, Columbus - May 4

Small Business  
Roundtable, Cambridge -  
May 4

Cincy-Cinco Latino  
Festival, Cincinnati - May  
7 & 8

New American Forum,  
Columbus - May 12

NAMI Walk 1.5K, Toledo  
- May 14

Ohio Fatherhood  
Summit, Columbus - May

The House Select Committee on Medical Marijuana has heard numerous hearings on the bill, which is expected to pass before summer recess.

### **Related Articles:**

Cleveland Plain Dealer - [Ohio medical marijuana hearings begin  
Tuesday: Read the bill](#)

Dayton Daily News - [Ohio may legalize marijuana for medical use](#)

## **Senate Bill 310 - Ohio Capital Budget**

[SB 310](#) is Ohio's biennial capital budget, which provides funding for the repair, reconstruction and construction of capital assets of state agencies, colleges, universities and school districts. Funding is also appropriated for local community projects. This year's capital budget bill is \$2.6 billion, including \$160 million for community projects. Approximately \$650 million will go towards school construction and maintenance; \$500 million is set aside for roads, bridges, water supply and wastewater systems; \$275 million is for dams, parks, waterways and wildlife projects; and \$100 million is set aside for health and human services. SB 310 will likely be passed and signed into law by Governor Kasich before the end of the current fiscal year - June 30.

Toledo Blade - [Ohio legislators to announce capital budget, projects](#)

## **House Bill 514 - Cultural Competency Instruction**

[HB 514](#) mirrors legislation introduced in the Senate last year by Senator Tavares. The proposal would require health care professionals to complete cultural competency training in order to receive or renew their license, certification or registration by the appropriate state board. Cultural competency in the healthcare field has a purpose to treat patients and eliminate health disparities among racial, ethnic and cultural communities. The Senate Health and Human Services Committee held multiple hearings on Senator Tavares' bill last year, but the bill seemingly died in committee after several medical associations voiced their concerns with the mandates that would be imposed on providers.

### **Related Article:**

Ohio Medical Interpreting  
Conference, Columbus -  
June 25

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