



Senate Government and Oversight Reform
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The Associated Builders and Contractors of Ohio enthusiastically support the passage of SB 6, a bill to expedite the current commercial building inspection appeals process.

Inspection of commercial construction work is crucial to public safety. SB 6 makes no changes to the inspection process. Current law provides a process to appeal the inspection findings of the local or state building department.

The current inspection appeals process can take 30 – 60 days to complete, rendering it virtually unusable. Here’s why: ongoing construction projects cannot reasonably (and in some cases safely) be shut down for four to eight weeks while an inspection appeal is being considered.

SB 6 allows the builder to pay a fee up to \$1,000 for an expedited inspection appeal that must be heard within five days and promptly decided thereafter.

SB 6 maintains the current rigorous inspection process while allowing for a potential appeal to be timely conducted without placing an economic hardship on the state building appeals department.

ABC of Ohio compliments Senator Roegner for introducing this enhancement to inspection appeals process and the Senators who have twice passed previous versions of this bill unanimously on the Senate floor.

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