OHIO SENATE
Committee on Ways and Means Minutes
March 24, 2026
136th General Assembly

The Senate Committee on Ways and Means was called to order pursuant to the meeting notice at approximately 11:02 a.m. in the South Hearing Room of the Statehouse.
Attendance was taken. A quorum was present.
The minutes of March 3rd, 2026, committee meeting was approved.
The Chair called up House Bill 503 for its first hearing.
The following testimony was provided:
Representative Roemer and Representative Workman - Sponsor
The Chair called up House Bill 148 for its second hearing.
The following testimony was provided:
Peggy Kaplan, Ohio Pet Fund - Proponent
Tony Seegers, Ohio Pet Fund - Proponent
Dr. Leanne Bertani, Ohio Pet Fund - Proponent
Jim Trakas, Ohio Pet Fund - Proponent
Mike Schroth, Ohio County Dog Wardens Association Northwest Ohio -Proponent (Written Testimony)
Michelle Gonzalez, Rascal Charities - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Rodney Shelton, Lake County Dog Warden Office - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Hayley Sturtz, Coshocton County Animal Schelter - Proponent (Written Testimony)
David McIntyre, Portage County Dog Warden's Office - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Jen Thomas, Ross County Humane Society - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Dr. Lourdes Falconi - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Lesa Heredia, Humane Society of Ottawa County - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Lisa Kime, Golden Retrievers in Need - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Krissi Hawke, Clark County Society - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Brittney May, Crazy Cats Animal Rescue - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Tami Schmidt, All Species Adoption Program - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Julie Martini, For the Love of Cats - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Robin Craft, Black and Orange Cat Foundation - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Annette Volk, The Heartt Animal Refuge - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Richelle Fair, Highland Humane Society - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Betty Miranda, Rural Ohio Cats and Kittens - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Kristen Knight, Esq, Adopt a Pit Rescue - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Julie Shellhammer, Allen County Dog Warden - Proponent
Dr. Lee Schrader, Fayette Regional Humane Society Proponent (Written Testimony)
Carolyn Evans, Cincinnati Animal Care - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Mary Jane Johnson, PAWS Humane Society - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Connie Dekker, Columbus Pet Rescue - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Sue Cheslock, SART - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Amy Hunt, Multiple Breed Rescue - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Mirna Bowman, Columbus Dog Connection - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Meleena Bowers, Batta Cats - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Sharyl Pancallo, The Canine Collective - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Amy Siefer, Colony Cats, - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Lisa Weaner, Fort Defiance Humane Society, - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Cindy McCulloch, Humane Society of Green County - Proponent (Written Testimony)

Charlene Milliner, Humane Society of Guernsey County -Proponent (Written Testimony)
Cindy Yanez, Harrison County Dog Pound - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Julia Frankland, JJ's Ruff Roads - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Jean Keating, Lucas County Pit Crew - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Keri Huff, Medina Meow Fix - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Jennifer Salyers, Humane Society of Marrow County - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Carolyn Hayes, Pets Uniting People - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Lauri Cook, Cat Roundup Rescue - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Kelly Pocock, Sandusky County Dog Warden - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Susan Geier, Save Ohio Pets - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Judy Cooper, AWL of Scioto County - Proponent (Written Testimony)
Carrie Wiesen, Friend of Stark Pound - Proponent (Written Testimony)
The Chair called up Senate Bill 307 for its second hearing.
The following testimony was provided:
Mayor William V. Sherer, Mayor of Canton -Proposant
Shawn Kasych, Ohio Mayors Alliance - Proponent
The committee adjourned at approximately 11:47 a.m.

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Louis W. Blessing, III, Chair