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## Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** As Introduced

**Primary Sponsors:** Reps. Williams and Klopfenstein

**Local Impact Statement Procedure Required:** No

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### Highlights

- The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) would be required to absorb any costs associated with the installation, retrofitting, or other construction necessary to make E15 available for sale.
- OTIC preliminarily estimates a total of \$12.25 million to make E15 available at each of its 14 service stations, or \$875,000 per location.
- OTIC would incur operating costs to conduct a feasibility study for the installation, retrofitting, or other construction associated with making biodiesel fuel available for sale.

### Detailed Analysis

#### E15 fuel

The Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission (OTIC) would be required to absorb any costs associated with the installation, retrofitting, or other construction necessary to make E15 available for sale. OTIC preliminarily estimates a total of \$12.25 million in capital costs to make E15 available at each of its 14 service stations, or \$875,000 per location. Each service station is operated under contract by third parties who would be responsible for their operating costs.

On January 13, 2026, OTIC approved a \$246.8 million capital budget for calendar year (CY) 2026. A preliminary list of capital projects was allocated \$230.5 million while the remaining \$16.3 million was set aside as uncommitted funds for potential needs that may arise during the year. The CY 2026 capital budget is smaller than the CY 2025 capital budget, which totaled \$318.9 million. Under the CY 2026 capital budget, OTIC anticipates resurfacing over 114 lane miles of pavement, providing 12 bridges with new decks, and fully replacing two bridges. Additionally, OTIC will launch an Intelligent Transportation System and Advanced Traffic

Management System scheduled for completion in CY 2027. This project includes dynamic message signs, variable speed limits, video monitoring, and a roadway weather information system that uses cameras and sensors for tracking real-time conditions.

OTIC is a state agency but is not appropriated money from any state funds included within the transportation or main operating budget bills. Additionally, OTIC does not receive any federal funds. The CY 2026 capital budget is primarily supported by tolls, which account for 94.8% of funding. Specifically, the capital improvements programmed for CY 2026 will be funded by \$213.0 million from the System Projects Fund, \$17.9 million from the Renewal and Replacement Fund, \$13.0 million from the Fuel Tax Fund, and \$2.9 million from the Service Plaza Capital Improvement Fund. Effective on January 1, 2026, OTIC increased toll rates by 2.7%. For E-ZPass customers with passenger vehicles, tolls increased from 7.1¢ to 7.3¢ per mile. A complete [overview of the toll changes \(PDF\)](https://ohioturnpike.org/media) can be found on OTIC's website: [ohioturnpike.org/media](https://ohioturnpike.org/media).

## Feasibility study

OTIC would incur operating costs to conduct a feasibility study for the installation, retrofitting, or other construction associated with ensuring each Ohio Turnpike service facility can sell biodiesel fuel. OTIC must complete the feasibility study within 12 months after the bill's effective date. On December 15, 2025, OTIC adopted an operating budget for 2026 that included \$171.9 million in operating, maintenance, and administration costs; \$126.0 million in debt service payments; and \$166.2 million in transfers.