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## **Senator Roegner**

To amend section 1503.35 and to enact section

131.52 of the Revised Code regarding federal

mineral royalty payments.	3
BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:	
Section 1. That section 1503.35 be amended and section	4
131.52 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:	5
Sec. 131.52. (A) As used in this section:	6
(1) "Federal mineral royalty" means the state of Ohio's	7
share of payments received under 30 U.S.C. 191 from oil, gas, or	8
other mineral production on federal lands within this state,	9
including national forest system lands.	10
(2) "County of origin" means the county where a wellhead	11
or mine is located to which a federal mineral royalty is	12
<pre>attributable.</pre>	13
(B) The treasurer of state shall deposit all federal	14
mineral royalties received from the United States department of	15
the interior's office of natural resources revenue into the	16
federal mineral royalty clearing fund, which is hereby	17
established and shall be in the custody of the treasurer of	18
state but shall not be part of the state treasury. Within thirty	19
days after each deposit, the director of the office of budget	20

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and management shall transfer from the fund to each county of	21
origin an amount equal to the royalty payments attributable to	22
that county.	23
(C) Money received by a county under division (B) of this	24
section may be appropriated by the board of county commissioners	25
solely for one of the following purposes:	26
(1) Planning;	27
(2) Construction and maintenance of public facilities;	28
(3) Provision of public services.	29
Sec. 1503.35. The (A) Except as provided in division (B)	30
of this section, the director of natural resources shall	31
distribute money received by the state pursuant to 16 U.S.C. 500	32
from the sale of national forest timber and other national	33
forest products to the applicable county or counties in which	34
the national forest is situated. Money received by a county	35
under this section shall be used by a county as follows:	36
$\frac{A}{A}$ (1) Fifty per cent shall be used to maintain county	37
roads and bridges;	38
$\frac{(B)}{(2)}$ Fifty per cent shall be used for the benefit of	39
public schools.	40
(B) A federal mineral royalty, as defined in section	41
131.52 of the Revised Code, is not a forest product subject to	42
distribution under this section. Any federal mineral royalty	43
received by the state shall be deposited in accordance with that	44
section.	45
Section 2. That existing section 1503.35 of the Revised	46
Code is hereby repealed.	47