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## Bill Analysis

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### SUMMARY

- Creates the Land Reutilization Nuisance Abatement Program to fund the abatement of nuisance structures on blighted property.
- Makes an appropriation of \$50 million for both FY 2022 and 2023.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Land Reutilization Nuisance Abatement Program

The bill creates the Land Reutilization Nuisance Abatement Program to fund the abatement of nuisance structures on blighted property. Blighted property is property that: (1) poses a direct threat to public health or safety or has been designated as unfit for human habitation or use, (2) has a tax delinquency for more than the property is worth, or (3) has several statutorily specified conditions that collectively adversely affect surrounding property values or limit land use in the area. The bill makes an appropriation of \$50 million for both FY 2022 and 2023 to fund the program, which will be administered by the Director of Development Services.<sup>1</sup>

Under the bill, the Director is authorized to award grants to county land reutilization corporations (county land banks), if the land bank that receives the grant commits additional funds in an amount equal to or greater than the amount of the grant. The Director can also set other conditions for use of the funds. However, the Director is prohibited, during any fiscal year, from awarding any single land bank more than 20% of the funds appropriated to the program by the General Assembly in that fiscal year.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> R.C. 122.011(D), 1724.02(A)(9), and 1724.13(A) to (C) and Sections 3 and 4, and R.C. 1.08(B) and 1724.01(A)(1), not in the bill.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 1724.13(C) and (D).

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## HISTORY

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