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House Bill 472: Mid-Biennium Review Bill **Introduced**

On March 11, 2014, House Bill 472, the mid-biennium review bill was released. The measure is over 1,500 pages long and includes many proposals that were mentioned in Governor Kasich's recent State of the State address. On March 12th, the Director of the Office of Budget Management, Tim Keen, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Richard Ross, were among those who provided testimony highlighting the Governor's proposals before the House Ways and Means Committee. Many of the bill's provisions impact OEA members and public education. Changes to tax policy are the centerpiece of the bill. While increases in certain taxes were proposed, the bulk of revenue would go towards paving the way for yet another round of income tax cuts that predominantly favor wealthy Ohioans rather than needed investments in public education and other programs.

Since being introduced, House Bill 472 has been broken into smaller bills based on topic. These bills are being debated in various committees. It is important to note that many provisions will likely change during the course of the legislative debate. [Click here](#) to read an analysis of the major provisions included in House Bill 472.