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# CVB BOARDS

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Support SB 252 & HB 530

## WHAT'S THE ISSUE?

### *Permit dual office holding with convention and visitor's bureau*

This bill clarifies that the legislature believes a county, township and municipal elected officials should be permitted to serve on CVB boards. The bill was crafted with input from the Ohio Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, the County Commissioners Association of Ohio, The County Auditors Association of Ohio and the Ohio Hotel and Lodging Association.

## KEY POINTS

- The bill would allow Convention and Visitors Bureaus to continue to be guided by internal by-laws to dictate membership on their board of directors.
- Public officials serving on CVB boards are already required to follow ethics laws and to disclose financial relationships.
- Elected representatives serving on CVB boards offers a level of public oversight that would be lost if they were not part of the broad discussions regarding tourism spending.
- CVB's are subject to audits by the Auditor of State who makes their reviews available for public viewing at <http://www.ohioauditor.gov/auditsearch/Search.aspx>.
- Senate Bill 252 includes an amendment that would allow county auditors to share information regarding the amount of revenue produced by the lodging tax. OACVB supports this amendment and would like to see amended version of either bill passed soon.

