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Ohio House Votes to Create Jobs, Reform Education
Rep. Yuko's Initiative Included in Operating Budget

COLUMBUS – State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) and the Ohio House of Representatives today voted to approve the state's operating budget. Substitute House Bill 1 includes transformative changes in how Ohio approaches education and school funding, as well as moving Ohio's economy forward by creating jobs and positioning the state for economic recovery.

The bill includes language sponsored by Rep. Yuko to provide funding for the Katz Cord Blood Foundation. The project will help with the collection, transport and processing of umbilical cord blood, as well as education and training programs. This life saving research will target minority and low-income expectant mothers to improve prenatal care.

"The work that the Katz Cord Blood Foundation is doing today is a vital service to the community and will benefit many generations to come," said Rep. Yuko. "I am pleased to help them continue their efforts to improve the lives of Ohioans, especially those at risk."

The budget spurs economic development while avoiding deeper cuts to vital services at a time Ohioans need them most. Sub HB1 provides training in emerging fields like biotechnology and biosciences. It creates jobs and supports small business by making credit accessible to start-up companies whose development is crucial to our economic recovery. Provisions in the budget also attract new business to Ohio through targeted grants and tax credits. It also holds the line on college tuition to keep higher education more affordable for Ohioans.

Education reform is also a major feature of the operating budget. Ohio's Comprehensive Education Reform Plan will replace Ohio's broken school funding system with one based on the key elements of a quality education such as smaller classes, better-supported teachers and more learning time for students. By investing in these proven education methods, Ohio will finally have a funding system that provides resources based on student needs.

The bill now goes to the Ohio Senate for consideration.