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### **Rep. Yuko Releases Legislation Update**

*Legislator Has Several Pieces of Legislation in Committee with More to Come*

**COLUMBUS** – State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) released an update on some of the legislation he has been working on since January that includes House Bill 154 which makes the penalties for fleeing from a police officer harsher, House Bill 155 which would allow charitable organizations to use “instant bingo ticket” dispensers and House Bill 145 which protects renters who enter into land installment contracts with their landlords by requiring inspections and appraisals for these homes and also regulates residential lease option contracts under Ohio’s existing landlord tenant law. All of the above mentioned bills have been introduced and are currently being heard in committee.

Rep Yuko commented, “It’s truly exciting to see some of these bills that have been so close to my heart for so many years get some legs. I’m very optimistic about what we should be able to accomplish during this General Assembly”.

Representative Yuko also mentioned several pieces of legislation that are in the works including a medical marijuana bill that would make marijuana legal for medical purposes only and a bill that would address the registration of Surgical Technicians. The Representative explained how he was using his past experience as a Union Organizer to hold meetings with all the parties who have a stake in these issues.

“My hope is that we can all meet around the table and craft the best piece of legislation possible. That way everyone has an opportunity to express their cares and concerns and feel like they had a chance to be heard before we get to committee”, Rep Yuko said.

Representative Yuko currently has 17 pieces of legislation that are in the process of being drafted or heard in committee with more to come after the summer recess.