

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2017-156

**First Reading Passage Requested**  
**(P. Prentice)**

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4 SPONSORS Mrs. Prentice, Ms. Shapiro, Mr. Schmidt, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Feeman, Mr. Crawford,  
5 Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Dickinson, Mr. Donofrio, Mr. Wilhite

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7 DATE May 1, 2017 COMMITTEE Committee of the Whole

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9 **A Resolution expressing strong opposition to the passage of Ohio House Bill 53 by the Ohio**  
10 **General Assembly which proposes changes to weaken collective bargaining laws and rights**  
11 **in the State of Ohio, and urging the Ohio Legislature and Governor Kasich to oppose the**  
12 **same, for the Executive and Council, and declaring an emergency.**

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14 WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly proposes changes to remove any requirement  
15 under the Public Employees Collective Bargaining Law that public employees join or pay dues  
16 to any employee organization, to prohibit public employers from requiring public employees to  
17 join or pay dues to any employee organization, and to prohibit an employee organization from  
18 being required to represent public employees who are not members of the employee  
19 organization; and

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21 WHEREAS, these types of laws, known as “right-to-work” laws, are designed to weaken  
22 unions throughout the State of Ohio; and

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24 WHEREAS, a similar law known as Senate Bill 5 was previously passed into law, only to  
25 be overwhelmingly overturned by voter referendum by a margin of 61 percent to 39 percent in  
26 2011; and

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State  
29 of Ohio, that:

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31 SECTION 1

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33 This Council hereby expresses strong opposition to any effort by the Ohio General  
34 Assembly to pass legislation that attempts to weaken organized labor in the state of Ohio,  
35 including but not limited to, House Bill 53.

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37 SECTION 2

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39 The Clerk of Council is hereby authorized and directed to forward a copy of this  
40 Resolution to all members of the County of Summit Ohio Legislative Delegation and Governor  
41 Kasich’s Office.

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43 SECTION 3

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45 This Resolution is hereby declared an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and  
46 welfare of the citizens of the County of Summit and for the further reason that it allows this  
47 Council to express opposition for House Bill 53 and urges the Ohio Legislature and Governor  
48 Kasich to do the same.

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5 SECTION 4

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7 Provided this Resolution received the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take  
8 effect immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise, it shall take  
9 effect and be in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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11 SECTION 5

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13 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating  
14 to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all  
15 deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action,  
16 were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section  
17 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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20 INTRODUCED May 1, 2017

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22 ADOPTED May 1, 2017

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26 CLERK OF COUNCIL

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32 PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

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34 APPROVED May 2, 2017

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36 EXECUTIVE

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38 ENACTED EFFECTIVE May 2, 2017

Voice Vote: 9-2 YES: Crawford, Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Hamilton,  
Prentice, Schmidt, Walters, Wilhite

NO: Koehler, Rodgers