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Version: As Reported by House Economic and Workforce Development

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Greenspan

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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Highlights

- The bill creates the Land Reutilization Demolition Program under which the Development Services Agency would award grants to county land banks for the demolition of structures on blighted parcels.
- The bill includes GRF appropriations of \$50 million in each of FY 2020 and FY 2021 for this purpose.

Detailed Analysis

The bill creates the Land Reutilization Demolition Program to be administered by the Development Services Agency (DSA). Under the program, DSA will award grants to county land banks (formally referred to as "county land reutilization corporations" under the Revised Code) to demolish structures on blighted parcels, such as those that are dilapidated, unsanitary, or unsafe as determined by public health or safety entities.

The bill provides \$50 million in GRF appropriations in FY 2020 and FY 2021 to fund the program. The bill limits the amount any one county land bank can receive to 20% of total grant awards in a fiscal year. Thus for the next two years, the maximum grant award is \$10 million per year under the program. According to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, 55 of Ohio's 88 counties have county land banks as of March 2019.

DSA will incur some administrative costs to establish program terms and oversee grant awards. Some of these costs could be absorbed into appropriations already within the agency's budget. However, a portion of the \$50 million per year included in the bill may also be used for operating costs, including funding a program manager.