H.B. 51
As Introduced

______________________________ moved to amend as follows:

In line 1032, after "projects" insert "that are located in northern Ohio"
In line 1144, after "in" insert "northern"
In line 1164, after "projects" insert "that are located in northern Ohio"
In line 1205, after "any" insert "manual"; delete ", including"
Delete line 1206
In line 1207, delete everything before the semicolon and insert "or by any electronic tolling equipment used for purposes of a multi-jurisdictional electronic toll collection system that is in operation on the effective date of this amendment"
In line 1462, after "(A)" insert "(1)"
Between lines 1477 and 1478, insert:
"(2) The aggregate of such revenue bonds outstanding shall in no event at any time exceed one billion five hundred million dollars."
In line 1683, after "to" insert "division (C)(1) of this section and"
In line 1710, strike through "Tolls" and insert "(1)(a)

Except as provided in division (C)(1)(b) of this section, once in each calendar year from 2013 through 2023, if the traffic volume on the Ohio turnpike does not increase by at least one per cent over the previous calendar year, the commission may increase toll rates, but not by more than the percentage increase, if any, in the consumer price index over the twelve-month period that ends on the thirtieth day of September of the immediately preceding year. For each class of vehicle and distance traveled, the commission shall adjust any increase in a toll rate under this division by rounding the rate to the nearest five cent increment. The commission shall not increase toll rates if the traffic volume on the Ohio turnpike increased by more than one per cent over the previous calendar year.

As used in this division, "consumer price index" means the consumer price index prepared by the United States bureau of labor statistics (U.S. city average for urban wage earners and clerical workers: all items, 1982-1984=100), or, if that index is no longer published, a generally available comparable index.

(b) For calendar years 2013 through 2023, the commission shall not increase the toll rates for any class of passenger vehicle as fixed on the effective date of this amendment, when both of the following apply:
(i) The tolls are collected and remitted in accordance with a multi-jurisdiction electronic toll collection agreement; and

(ii) The distance traveled is thirty miles or less.

(2) Subject to division (C)(1) of this section, tolls"

In line 1713, strike through "(1)" and insert "(a)"

In line 1717, strike through "(2)" and insert "(b)"

In line 1886, delete the first "an" and insert "all of the following:

(1) An"; after "project" insert "to be located in northern Ohio and"

In line 1888, after "system" insert ":

(2) Ninety per cent of the proceeds from the issuance of bonds for infrastructure projects under this chapter be used to fund infrastructure projects located in northern Ohio;

(3) Not more than sixty per cent of the cost of an infrastructure project be paid from an infrastructure fund of the commission"

In line 1892, after "only" insert "an"

In line 1893, delete "projects" and insert "project" delete "previously have" and insert "is located in northern Ohio and meets both of the following:

(1) The project previously has"

In line 1896, after "Code" insert "."
(2) The project will have at least forty per cent of the cost of the infrastructure project paid from moneys in the state highway operating fund created under section 5735.291 of the Revised Code that are derived from state or federal motor fuel excise taxes".

In line 1947, strike through "(1)" and insert "(2)(a)"

Between lines 4838 and 4839, insert:

"Section 755.____. There is hereby created the Northern Ohio Turnpike Study Committee consisting of all members of the General Assembly who, on the effective date of this section, represent a district in which is located or through which passes a portion of the Ohio Turnpike. The Committee may hold public meetings and, not later than ninety days after the effective date of this section, by majority vote, shall establish a definition of "Northern Ohio" for all purposes of infrastructure funding by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission under Chapter 5537. of the Revised Code. The Committee shall notify the Governor, the General Assembly, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission, and the Director of Transportation in writing of its determination after which the Committee shall cease to exist. By rule, the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission shall adopt the definition of "Northern Ohio" established by the Committee."

The motion was ________ agreed to.
SYNOPSIS

Turnpike Tolling and Infrastructure Projects

R.C. 5537.04, 5537.08, 5537.13, 5537.18, 5537.21; Section 755.____

For calendar years 2013 through 2023, (1) prohibits any increase in tolls for trips in passenger vehicles of 30 miles or less when the tolls are collected and remitted electronically (E-ZPass) and (2) limits other toll increases to one increase per year based on the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, rounded to the nearest $0.05 increment, provided traffic volume has not increased by at least 1% over the previous year.

Requires that 90% of the proceeds from the issuance of bonds for infrastructure projects be used for projects located in northern Ohio.

In regard to the cost of infrastructure projects submitted by the Director of Transportation for approval by the Turnpike Commission, requires that 40% of the cost be derived from state or federal motor fuel excise taxes and not more than 60% from infrastructure funds of the Commission.

Limits the aggregate amount of outstanding revenue bonds issued by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission at any time to $1.5 billion.

Requires that turnpike tolls only be collected by manual methods approved by the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission or by electronic tolling equipment used for purposes of a multi-jurisdictional electronic collection system (E-ZPass).

Creates a Northern Ohio Turnpike Study Committee consisting of all members of the General Assembly who represent a district in which is located or through which passes a portion of the Ohio Turnpike and requires the Committee to establish a definition of "Northern Ohio" for purposes of infrastructure funding; and requires the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission to adopt the definition by rule.