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HUGHES TO CHAIR SENATE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS COMMITTEE

Panel will oversee issues related to banking and finance industry

COLUMBUS— State Senator Jim Hughes (R- Columbus) today announced that he has been selected by Senate President Tom Niehaus (R- New Richmond) to serve as chairman of the Senate Financial Institutions Committee for the 129th General Assembly. The committee, which was previously connected to the Senate Finance Committee, was made a stand-alone entity by Niehaus in order to avoid policy discussions regarding institutions such as banks, credit unions, and savings and loans being superseded by the state budget.

“Maintaining a strong and vibrant banking and finance industry is essential if we are to get our economy back on track and ensure Ohio remains a competitive place for companies to locate and expand,” Hughes said. “I am honored to have been chosen to chair this panel, as it will allow us to examine the issues facing our financial institutions in detail and without being pressured by the state budget process,”

Hughes will also continue to serve as a member of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, the Insurance, Commerce and Labor Committee and the State and Local Government and Veterans Affairs Committee. In these posts he will deal with a variety of issues impacting Ohio’s insurance industry, state and local governments and gas, electric, cable television, and telephone service providers.

“These committee assignments will provide me with an opportunity to work on a variety of issues related to job creation and retention,” Hughes said. “I look forward to working with my fellow committee members to enact laws and policies that will improve Ohio and create a brighter future for our families and communities.”