

House Finance Committee

Minutes

May 16, 2018

Chairman Smith called the meeting of the House Finance Committee to order at 9:11 am in Statehouse Room 313. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present.

The minutes from the April 10, 2018 committee meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman Smith called up Senate Bill 135 for its first hearing.

Chairman Smith invited Senator Frank LaRose to offer sponsor testimony on SB 135. Senator LaRose answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Gary Lee, Union County Commissioner, to offer proponent testimony on SB 135. Mr. Lee answered questions of the committee.

Vice-Chairman Ryan invited Stephanie Krider, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs for the Ohio Secretary of State's Office, to offer proponent testimony on SB 135. Ms. Krider answered questions of the committee.

Vice-Chairman Ryan invited Dan Troy, President of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio and Lake County Commissioner, to offer proponent testimony on SB 135. Mr. Troy answered questions of the committee.

Vice-Chairman Ryan invited Tim Ward, Ohio Association of Elected Officials, to offer proponent testimony on SB 135. Mr. Ward answered questions of the committee.

Vice-Chairman Ryan invited Ed Leonard, Franklin County Board of Elections Director, to offer proponent testimony on SB 135. Mr. Leonard answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith called up House Bill 643 for its first hearing.

Chairman Smith invited Representative Steve Arndt and Representative John Patterson to offer sponsor testimony on HB 643. Representatives Arndt and Patterson answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Tony Seegers, Director of State Policy for the Ohio Farm Bureau, to offer proponent testimony on HB 643. No questions were asked of Mr. Seegers.

Chairman Smith invited Tracy Freeman, Government Relations Director for The Nature Conservancy in Ohio, to offer proponent testimony on HB 643. No questions were asked of Ms. Freeman

Chairman Smith invited Kristy Meyer, VP of Natural Resources Policy for the Ohio Environmental Council Action Fund, to offer proponent testimony on HB 643. Ms. Meyer answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Kris Swartz and Mike Libben of the Wood and Ottawa County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, to offer proponent testimony on HB 643. Mr. Swartz and Mr. Libben answered questions of the committee.

Chairman Smith invited Ronald Wyss, Board Member of the Lake Erie Foundation, to offer proponent testimony on HB 643. No questions were asked of Mr. Wyss.

Chairman Smith adjourned the committee at 12:04 pm.

Ryan Smith, Chair

Dan Ramos, Secretary