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Sponsor Testimony for Amended House Bill 11
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Chairman Schaffer, Ranking Member Rogers and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for allowing me to come before you today and present sponsor testimony on House Bill 11. This bill is the companion legislation for SB 22, sponsored by Senator Peterson.

This bill is in reaction to the federal government passing tax related legislation. House Bill 11 simply provides conformity between the Ohio tax code and the federal tax code, which is necessary to allow efficiency in processing tax returns.

This legislation will also declare an emergency, which is essential for processing Ohio tax returns this year. In order to prevent confusion and uncertainty when filing, the emergency clause is needed to ensure continuity for the 2016 tax season.

Tax conformity bills have become an essential part of tax legislation for the Ohio General Assembly. The measures taken in HB 11 will provide the continuity the taxpayers need to successfully complete their taxes, without unneeded changes. Without this legislation, taxpayers will likely have to spend additional time and resources related to tax compliance.

A representative from Ohio Department of Taxation is here to describe the specific changes.

Once again, Chairman Schaffer and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on behalf of HB 11. I would be happy to answer any questions.