



**HB 220 (Carfagna) – Ledger Technology
Proponent Testimony (Written Only)
County Commissioners Association of Ohio, Ohio Municipal League
& Ohio Township Association
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On behalf of our members, we are writing to offer our support for House Bill 220, which would allow governmental entities to employ distributed ledger technology, including blockchain technology.

While blockchain technology is still a relatively new concept for local governments, we see the value in establishing a system for its development. HB 220 builds upon the framework for the use of this technology set in SB 220 of the 132nd General Assembly. SB 220 amended the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act to permit transactions recorded by blockchain technology in the private sector and put Ohio ahead of the curve in utilizing this innovative technology.

HB 220 gives local governments the opportunity to utilize this technology, which has been proven effective in the private sector. Blockchain can be used to modernize and streamline daily duties of local governments, especially with maintenance of contracts and records, potentially saving time and resources that could be directed towards more pressing, daily resident needs.

It is important to note that HB 220 is entirely permissive legislation. The bill simply gives discretion to local governments to use this technology if it fits their needs.

As technology continues to develop and allow for even more government functions to be conducted online, HB 220 lays the groundwork for the implementation of blockchain technology at the local level. We appreciate Rep. Carfagna's forward thinking in his inclusion of local governments in these developments.

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio, the Ohio Municipal League, and the Ohio Township Association support the concepts in and the goals of HB 220 and encourage your favorable passage. Thank you for your consideration of our position. Should you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact us.