The American Council of Engineering Companies

House State and Local Government Committee

Proponent Testimony on House Bill 264

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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair Ginter, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the House State & Local Government Committee, thank you for allowing The American Council of Engineering Companies of Ohio (ACEC Ohio) provide written testimony in support of HB 264, legislation providing a critical refinancing tool for local governments with OWDA loans.

ACEC Ohio is the voice of Ohio’s engineering industry, comprised of 140 firms representing over 8000 employees that provide a wide array of engineering and other professional services for all types of construction and environmental improvement projects.

Investment in the infrastructure system in Ohio is critical to the health of the state’s economy and ensures that Ohio remains competitive. We understand that local governments are struggling to meet infrastructure needs, and are faced with addressing many older, deficient public water systems. ACEC Ohio feels that HB 264 will be a positive benefit to local public agencies and offer greater flexibility to their lean budgets.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide written support on this bill.