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Sponsor Testimony

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Chair Wiggam, Vice-chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly and members of the General Government and Agency Review Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 331, which adopts the recommendations of the Sunset Review Committee.

As you know, the Sunset Review Committee is responsible for reviewing the structure and activity of Ohio's boards and commissions every other biennium. The bill before you today is the recommendation of the committee, and was approved by all of its members.

There are three components of the bill you have before you. The first component is the reauthorization of all active boards and commissions. Reauthorization is necessary for these boards and commissions to continue their work in future General Assemblies. It is critical that this bill pass, because if the legislature does not act to reauthorize these entities, all of the state's boards and commissions that are subject to this statute will automatically expire under the Sunset Review Law, as established by Sub. H.B. 548 of the 123rd General Assembly. The bill before you today reauthorizes the vast majority of these entities.

The second component of this legislation is the sunset of entities that are no longer necessary or that have completed their work. Based on the testimony

received during the committee process, the Sunset Review Committee unanimously agreed that these below boards and commissions should be sunset:

Title	Authorization	Rationale
Assisted Living Program Workgroup	Section 209.61, H.B. 49 of the 132nd G.A.	Completed work by July 1, 2018, per section 209.61 per Ohio Department of Medicaid on 1/24/20
English Language Arts Academic Standards Review Committee	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(a)	Department of Education requested sunset on 4/30/2019
Grace Commission	Section 701.05, H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.	Concluded work per Chair Schuring on 6/4/20
Maternity and Newborn Advisory Council	R.C. 3711.20	Department of Health requested sunset on 12/3/2019
Mathematics Academic Standards Review Committee	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(b)	Department of Education requested sunset on 4/30/2019
Municipal Income Tax Net Operating Loss Review Committee	R.C. 718.60	Concluded its work per Chair Schuring on 6/4/20
Ohio Healthier Buckeye Advisory Council	R.C. 5101.91	ODJFS requested sunset on 2/11/20
Ohio Military Facilities Commission	R.C. 5913.12	Concluded work. Adjutant General office requested sunset 2/11/20
Committee on Prescriptive Governance	R.C. 4723.49	Nursing Board requested sunset on 2/4/20
Science Academic Standards Review Committee	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(c)	Department of Education requested sunset on 4/30/2019
Social Studies Academic Standards Review Committee	R.C. 3301.079(I)(1)(d)	Department of Education requested sunset on 4/30/2019
Undergraduate Mission Study Committee	Section 3, H.B. 66 of the 132nd G.A.	Completed work per Chair Carfagna on 2/18/20

Joint Select Committee on Volume Cap	R.C. 133.021	Development Services Agency requested sunset on 6/18/19
Ohio Water Advisory Council	R.C. 1521.031	ODNR requested sunset on 6/4/19
Workgroup to Study the Feasibility of Medicaid Recipients' ID and Benefits Cards	Section 751.30, H.B. 64 of the 131st G.A.	Completed work by July 1, 2018, per section 751.30 per Ohio Department of Medicaid on 1/24/20

The Senate added an amendment during the committee process to sunset four additional boards that were not included in the as-introduced version of the bill, but are also no longer necessary. These additional four unnecessary boards include:

Title	Authorization	Rationale
Early Childhood Financing Workgroup	Section 265.70.20 of H.B. 1 of the 128 th G.A	ODFJS requested sunset on 9/23/20
Ohio Family Stability Commission	R.C. 5101.345	ODJFS requested sunset on 9/23/20
School and Ministerial Lands Divestiture Committee	R.C. 501.041	Auditor of State requested sunset on 9/23/20.
Voting Machine Acquisition Advisory Committee	Section 3 of S.B. 135 of the 132 nd G.A.	Secretary of State requested sunset on 9/23/20.

The third component of this bill involves improving the efficiency of government in Ohio. The primary way the bill works toward this end is a restructuring of the Sunset Committee process. The bill before you today envisions the Sunset Review Committee reviewing half of the boards and commissions each biennium, instead of the entire number every other biennium. I am very open to reconsidering this decision and restoring the existing process, but felt that this proposal deserved consideration by the legislature.

The bill also allows the Ohio Judicial Conference to distribute their Judicial Impact Statements electronically, rather than by physical copy. The committee felt that

this request was a common-sense proposal, one that gains even more justification in the COVID-19 era.

I'd like to thank the members of the Sunset Review Committee, including Senators McColley and Thomas, Chair Wiggam and Representative Kelly, Director Thrasher, Mr. Yassenoff, and Mr. Perera, with a special thanks to Vice-chair Vitale for his work in leading the review process for the first year of the 133rd General Assembly.

It should be noted that this legislation passed the Senate unanimously, and has had no opposition during the legislative process.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.