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Chairman Hoagland, Vice Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member O'Brien, and members of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on Senate Bill 274.

Senate Bill 274 will create an F-11 liquor permit. The legislation will do the following:

- Allows the Division of Liquor Control to issue the permit to a charitable organization, labor union, or an association or employer of ten or more persons to sell beer or wine at special functions.
- Allows the Division of Liquor Control to issue up to three F-11 permits to the same applicant in a one-year period.
- Creates a \$150 F-11 permit fee.

Under this bill, a special function is defined as a function that has a social, recreational, benevolent, charitable, fraternal, political, patriotic, or athletic purpose.

The idea for this legislation was brought to me from various benevolent and fraternal organizations in my district that host summer events in the community. Certain F-Permits allow the purchase and sale of wine or beer and have limitations on the select number of days a permit is valid due to restrictions in the Ohio Revised Code. As a result, organizations that host community events during the summer are often required to purchase multiple permits, and are limited in their event participation throughout the year. This bill seeks to eliminate some of the obstacles and costs associated with purchasing multiple permits for these organizations.

Chairman Hoagland and members of the committee, this concludes my testimony and I will be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.