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**Sponsor Testimony- SCR 10**  
**Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee**  
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Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to present sponsor testimony on SCR 10, a concurrent resolution that would approve rules promulgated by the Ohio Department of Health that impact local health districts.

Section 3701.342 of the Revised Code creates a unique requirement that the legislature must approve, through concurrent resolution, any rules impacting local health district standards. The origin of this requirement is somewhat unclear and predates even our most seasoned members. Regardless of how this requirement came about, SCR 10 seeks to fulfill the legislature's requirement in approving the latest round of OAC rules impacting local health district standards.

The rule package in question was approved by JCARR back in August of 2018. Minor events such as the change of administration and the biennial budget precluded this resolution from being brought forward until now. While future witnesses can speak to the specifics of the rules themselves, I would like to note that these rules were agreed upon by the Ohio Department of Health and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners. No objections were lodged with JCARR, and the rules cleared that process without incident.

In 2011, I sponsored the most recent concurrent resolution to approve health district standards rules, and can share with you that the legislative process was a quick and smooth one. It is my hope that this committee can quickly pass this legislation and move it to the floor for consideration by the full Senate. I do not anticipate any opposition and can assure you that the resolution is truly form over substance, the details of these rules having already been dealt with through the Chapter 119 process.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to take any questions from the committee.