



Ohio Clerk of Courts Association

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Chairman Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski and Members of the House Civil Justice Committee:

My name is Natalie Fravel and I am the Delaware County Clerk of Courts and member of the Ohio Clerk of Courts Association (OCCA) Legislative Committee. We are here today to testify in support of House Bill 567, which would require the clerk of the court of common pleas to make the court's civil docket, including documents and images of each case file, available on the clerk of court's web site.

We would like to start off by thanking the bill sponsor, Representative Brian Stewart, for working closely with the OCCA during the drafting of this legislation. He was extremely amenable to our feedback and suggestions, and we appreciate his openness throughout the process.

I am Branden Meyer, the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts and Co-Chair of the OCCA Legislative Committee. By way of background, of Ohio's eighty-eight (88) county clerks of court:

- Forty-three (43) counties post their docket online, including posting relevant images online;
- Forty-three (43) counties post their docket online, however without including images; and,
- Two (2) counties do not post their docket or images online.

While Forty-three (43) counties are already compliant with the requirements of the bill today, the OCCA appreciates the additional time provided in the bill to allow the remaining forty-five (45) counties to work with their technology vendors and prepare their offices to move all civil dockets and images online.

Again, we want to thank Representative Stewart for his partnership as he worked through the details and nuances of our offices and technology capabilities, and we are happy to lend our support.

We welcome any questions.

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