

I am writing to question the need of this bill. I am currently a member of the Greene County Board of Health. I have been appointed by the City of Fairborn and served on the BOH for over 15 years. We regularly meet with DAC each March and discuss particular needs, any areas of concern and community involvement. We have never had any issue with the DAC in getting BOH positions filled.

What is the purpose of this Bill? The appointment of the 5 DAC members works well and allow for an unbiased, non political selection. To turn this process over to the county commissioners is to make this a biased political action, especially in Greene County which is totally controlled by one party!

There are several reasons where this done not make any sense:

1. The current system for appointing Board of Health members is not widely broken. In most cases, the District Advisory Council conducts its business and exercises its authority in a suitable fashion. HB 463 is proposing changes are not necessary in most cases.
2. Board of Health Members should be selected by the representatives of ALL political subdivisions served by the Board of Health, not limited to just one of the political subdivisions served by the Board of Health.
3. ALL political subdivisions that are served by the Board of Health and contribute inside millage to support the operations of the health district should retain the current authorities vested in the District Advisory Council. The County Commissioners contribute no inside millage to the operations of the local health district.
4. The proposals in HB 463 will not resolve the local issues brought to light in discussions with the bill sponsor and other interested parties, most notably concerns about state rules that govern most delegated state programs (e.g., food, home sewage) and COVID-19 mandates and enforcement dictated by orders of the Governor and/or the Director of Health.
5. Board of Health Member appointment and budget approval are already public processes, prescribed in law and conducted by locally elected officials. Local public health is actively working with the bill sponsor to identify ways to make these processes more transparent to the public. Simply consolidating the appointing/approval body to the County Commissioners does not increase accountability of the Board of Health nor the transparency of the processes and decisions of the Board of Health.

Surely there are more important areas than this in HB 463 that the legislature should be working on ? Please reconsider the need for 463. Thank you

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