

Testimony of Allen Reichert  
Before the House Higher Education Committee  
Representative Tom Young, Chair  
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Chair Young and Members of the House Higher Education Committee:

My name is Allen Reichert, and I am a librarian at Otterbein University, where I have been for 24 years. I do not represent the views of my employer, but rather am submitting testimony as a private citizen in opposition to House Bill 151.

I do not see this bill as best serving higher education in the state of Ohio. This bill only adds layers of bureaucracy to state higher education institutions and also provides no funding to undertake these changes. Further, the tenure changes don't serve to strengthen intellectual freedom. Rather, this bill will more likely make it harder for Ohio to attract faculty to the state.

Overall, this is a bad bill that will do more to harm state higher education.

Sincerely,

Allen Reichert