



**Before the House Public Utilities Committee
House Bill 41 – Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act
Sponsor Testimony by Representative Michael J. Skindell
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Chairman Stein, Vice Chairman Robb Blasdel, Ranking Member Weinstein, and Members of the House Public Utilities Committee, I appreciate the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 41, the “Consumer Utility Billing Transparency Act”.

The proposed legislation would enact Section 4933.30 of the Ohio Revised Code and require electric, natural gas and water utilities to provide detailed itemized billing statements to customers. Distribution, transmission, generation, and supply charges would be required to be itemized on customer bills as well as taxes and riders.

Knowing what is contained in the charges of a utility bill may help consumers save money. An itemized utility bill will also help customers check for errors and monitor their particular utility usage. In Ohio, basic charges such as distribution and transmission costs are itemized on customer bills, but a large number of riders are lumped in with distribution charges. In 2014, the General Assembly adopted Senate Bill 310, which required the disclosure to customers of the costs of the energy efficiency requirements, but it did not require a disclosure of the various other riders. There are many different riders, which tend to be different for each utility. This legislation will help consumers decipher their utility bills and understand exactly what they are paying for each month.

Chairman Stein, Vice Chairman Robb Blasdel, Ranking Member Weinstein, and Members of the House Public Utilities Committee, thank you for your consideration of House Bill 41. I would be happy to answer any of your questions.