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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Brennan, and State & Local Committee members, I appreciate the chance to discuss House Bill 353 today with Joint Sponsor Representative Muhammed.

H.B. 353 aims the Revised Code to enhance transparency and accountability in motor vehicle accident reporting within our state. Critical components of this bill include:

Inclusion of Fault Information: The Registrar of Motor Vehicles will be required to include fault information in accident abstracts when available, offering a clearer view of each incident's circumstances.

Sources for Determining Fault: Fault will be determined using accident reports, law enforcement citations, and inputs from insurance carriers, ensuring comprehensive and fair reporting.

Economic Considerations: A fee of \$5 per abstract will support the Public Safety—Highway Purposes Fund, which is essential for maintaining improvements to our motor vehicle records system.

The goal of H.B. 353 is to provide complete and accurate information to individuals, insurance companies, and legal entities, which will impact legal and financial decisions following accidents.

This bill promotes fairness and justice in our legal and insurance systems, underscoring our commitment to Ohio's citizens. I can answer any questions and respectfully request your support in passing H.B. 353 to enhance our state's motor vehicle records system. Thank you.