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Rep. Hall HB 278 Sponsor Testimony

Chair Oelslager, Vice Chair Pizzulli, Ranking Member Synenberg, and members of the House Financial Institutions Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on HB 278, another step forward in modernizing our executive agencies.

In previous General Assemblies, I have worked on updating the Ohio revised code, modernizing other state agencies to ensure efficiency and save taxpayer dollars, and now we turn to the Treasurer of State. As my joint sponsor noted, we have an age problem. As I said in previous legislation addressing similar topics, we have statutes and processes in place that are older than I am (formerly youngest member in the House). These breed inefficiency and in turn, lead to a slower, more complicated process for all Ohioans.

In addition to what my joint sponsor included, House Bill 278 would:

- Modernize the statute to better address how the use of credit cards and electronic payments have evolved over the last couple of decades, and their use by the public to more easily pay state fees, taxes, or charges.
- Remove processes that are no longer necessary because of technological advances with the use and processing of credit cards and other means of electronic payments
- Continue efforts from previous General Assemblies to modernize and update the TOS' investment statutes.

This legislation is another step in the process of providing all Ohioans with bureaucratic institutions that work for them, rather than against them. This legislation has been thoroughly vetted and I am happy to bring us another step closer to having an efficient, streamlined and modernized Ohio Treasurer's Office.

Chair Oelslager and members of the Financial Institutions Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 278. We would be happy to take any questions from members of the committee at this time.