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Chairman Hall, Ranking Member Humphrey, and esteemed members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee, thank you for allowing me to speak on this bill.

House Bill 11 would provide this state legislature with more oversight over our state agencies. As the federal government attempts to reel in a bloated bureaucracy, Ohio needs to follow suit. Every budget cycle, state agencies approach the table requesting more funding. Yet, the growth in our agency's budgets, seems to rarely lead to a proportional increase in agency performance.

House Bill 11 would provide more oversight regarding agency administrative rules that meet specific conditions. To approve an administrative rule which would either increase the agency's expenditures during the current biennium by more than one hundred thousand dollars or would cost a directly affected person more than one hundred thousand dollars to comply, a member of the House or Senate would have to introduce legislation authorizing the agency to adopt the proposed rule, and that rule would need to be passed by the state legislature. Additionally, this bill lays out specific guidelines for either Chairperson of JCARR to require a third-party fiscal analysis of proposed rule changes.

All the parts of this bill were created to ensure state agency accountability, by granting elected officials the chance to thoroughly review bureaucratic spending. Civil and public servants usually do great work, that is not in question, however, they are not elected by the people, we are. Therefore, it is my and my joint sponsor's belief that there should be further checks in place to ensure taxpayer dollars are being put to good use.

Thank you again Chairman Hall, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee.