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Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Koehler, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resource Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to give sponsor testimony today.

During my tenure in the state legislature, I have been confronted with an issue I never anticipated: trash.

So let's talk trash!

My constituents in Fostoria and Seneca County have struggled with out of state trash, mostly from the east coast, coming into their home for years. Most of this has happened without meaningful oversight, causing my constituents to worry about the effects on the air they breathe, the water they drink, and their overall quality of life. This struggle also affects all of us; no one wants a lack of oversight over the waste brought in our state—or even thinks about it.

This bill confronts this issue for all my constituents and for all Ohioans. After learning from the people of Fostoria and from local leaders, this bill takes steps to approaching our trash problem.

In summary, the bill:

- Creates no new fee increases and no new regulations.
- Allows for a new permissive and variable fee for C&DD in ORC 3714.07. These fees and their collection mirror the district disposal fees for solid waste under current law (ORC3734.57B). The money collected from the fees are passed on to the health boards that have these facilities in their territories. Boards of health can use these dollars to mitigate impacts to health, safety, and welfare.
- Allows solid waste management districts to pass funds on to cities, counties, boards of health, municipalities and townships so they can mitigate impacts to health, safety, and welfare.

- Allows a county to leave a solid waste management district via resolution by that county's board of commissioners. In the code, there is no withdrawal or "divorce" mechanism in place. Currently, Seneca County is part of a 3-county solid waste district. On your Ipads is a map showing 62 counties that are separate solid waste districts.

This bill is a direct response to my constituents and community leaders who are tired of being unheard and who have drastic concerns for their health and quality of life. For many years, local voices have been ignored in landfill decisions – local impacts make a difference. This is my constituents' home, and this will provide for some much-needed community oversight over something that is in their back yard.

The State of Ohio has been very forward in inviting new businesses to our state. I applaud all of those efforts, however, with those great innovations and technological changes coming, we also need to be on top of our trash situation. Ohio is also the destination for trash because of our reluctance to recognize exactly the need to be doing more with recycling. With local oversight, our constituents need to be assured that the air we breathe and the water we drink are clean and that the contents of trains coming through our state are adequately monitored.

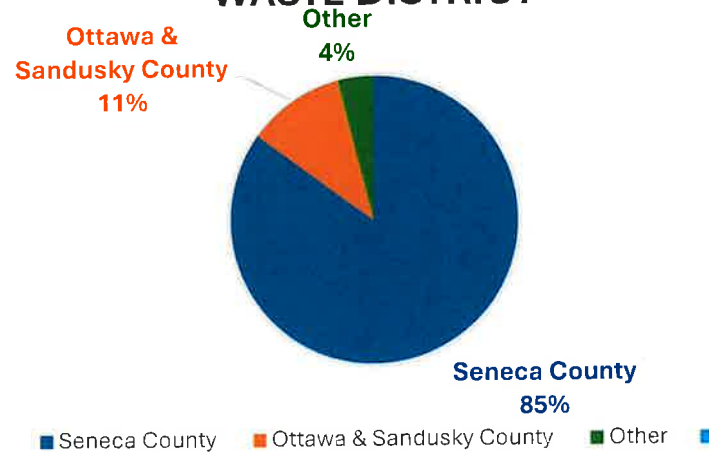
This issue from my locals is complicated, but this bill is a great step for communities and trash in Ohio.

1. How much out-of-state trash is dumped in Ohio landfills?

Landfill Name	City	County	Landfill Owner	Total Waste (Tons, 2022)	Out-of-State Waste (Tons, 2022)	% of Out-of-State Waste per Facility (2022)	% of Statewide Out-of-State Waste (2022)
Sunny Farms Landfill, LLC	Fostoria	Seneca	WIN Waste Innovations	2,269,667	2,216,204	97.60%	29.80%
Apex Sanitary Landfill	Amsterdam	Jefferson	Apex Environmental LLC	2,551,857	1,980,617	77.60%	26.60%
Carbon Limestone LF	Lowellville	Mahoning	Republic Services, Inc.	1,270,015	852,172	67.10%	11.50%
Rumpke SLF, Inc.	Cincinnati	Hamilton	Rumpke	2,503,681	117,211	4.70%	1.60%
American LF	Waynesburg	Stark	WM	832,316	8,599	1.00%	0.10%
Evergreen Recycling & Disposal LF	Northwood	Wood	WM	172,785	4,468	2.60%	0.10%
Cherokee Run Landfill, Inc.	Bellefontaine	Logan	Republic Services, Inc.	376,882	288	0.10%	0.00%
Kimble Sanitary LF	Dover	Tuscarawas	Kimble Companies	1,110,086	114	0.00%	0.00%
Erie County SLF	Milan	Erie	Erie County, OH	159,087	0	0.00%	0.00%
Franklin County SLF	Grove City	Franklin	Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, OH	1,245,257	0	0.00%	0.00%
Lake County SWF	Painesville	Lake	Lake County, OH	246,839	0	0.00%	0.00%
Lorain County Landfill II	Oberlin	Lorain	Republic Services, Inc.	931,967	0	0.00%	0.00%
Ottawa County LF	Port Clinton	Ottawa	Republic Services, Inc.	98,384	0	0.00%	0.00%
Noble Road LF	Shiloh	Richland	Rumpke	1,183,055	0	0.00%	0.00%
Countywide Recycling & Disposal LF	East Sparta	Stark	Republic Services, Inc.	482,514	0	0.00%	0.00%
Listed Facilities Total				15,434,392	5,179,673	--	69.70%
Statewide Total				27,243,702	7,434,503	--	100.00%

2. How much trash is generated by each county within the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Joint Solid Waste District?

TRASH GENERATED BY COUNTY IN THE OSS SOLID WASTE DISTRICT



Thank you, Chair, and I welcome any questions from the committee.

