



Ohio Contractors Association

Senate Bill 262 Proponent Testimony – Written Only
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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear, and members of Senate General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit proponent testimony for Senate Bill 262.

For those unfamiliar, the Ohio Contractors Association is the trade association for Ohio's heavy/highway construction industry. Our members primarily build roads, bridges, airports, water and sewer, and other horizontal construction projects.

Senate Bill 262 amends key sections of Ohio law governing public construction contracts to require that when a public authority enters into a construction contract using an industry-standard published form, any modifications to that standard form must be clearly shown in the contract document. If changes are not clearly indicated, those alterations are considered void and the original standard form language governs.

This requirement provides clarity and predictability for contractors performing public work. Contractors rely on standard forms to understand rights, responsibilities, risk allocation, and compensation. When a public owner modifies those forms without clearly showing alterations, it creates confusion, increases risk, and can result in disputes.

By requiring public owners to “show your work” — that is, to visibly indicate any deviations from standard contract language — this bill promotes fairness, transparency, and a level playing field in Ohio's public construction market.

For these reasons, the Ohio Contractors Association respectfully urges the committee's favorable consideration of Senate Bill 262.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Respectfully,
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