



County Treasurers Association of Ohio
House State & Local Government Committee
Testimony on HB 450
May 20, 2020

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly and Members of the House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share the County Treasurers Association of Ohio (CTAO)'s perspective on House Bill 450, legislation that would codify a certificate of transition process for county treasurers and other local fiscal officers.

CTAO appreciates the fact that the sponsors and the Auditor of State's office worked with our association on language in the bill that would require our input on what items are prescribed on the certificate of transition inventory. We are generally amenable to accountability measures for office holders, but want to ensure that we are being held accountable only for items and resources under our control and within the statutory jurisdiction of our office. It is in our best interest as elected officeholders to ensure a smooth and responsible transition upon leaving office. Thus, we do not foresee experiencing significant issues complying with this proposed legislation. In fact, we have had over 15 members of our association transition within the last two years alone, and the transfer of power in each of these cases went smoothly. County treasurers are unique in that they are elected in November, but do not take office until the following September 1st, allowing plenty of time for a seamless transition.

Our association looks forward to working with the Auditor of State on finalizing the inventory list for county treasurers' certificate of transition. We appreciate being included in discussions around HB 450 – and its companion, SB 244 – and are supportive of the bill as it is currently written.

Should any members of the committee have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either one of us.

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