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House Bill (H.B.) 522: Testimony
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Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair Stephens, Ranking Member Kelly, and fellow members of the House State and Local Government Committee: Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony today in support of House Bill 522 with my joint sponsors, Representative DJ Swearingen. House Bill 522 authorizes Conservancy Districts to collect and dispose of solid waste.

Conservancy Districts are political subdivisions under the Ohio Revised Code Section 6101, and their purpose is to address various types of water management issues including water quality, drainage, and flooding.

Another type of political subdivisions, Sanitary Districts, under Ohio Revised Code Section 6115, purpose is to clean, improve, and regulate the flow of streams to prevent and collect pollution. Sanitary Districts are permitted to collect solid waste. Currently, Conservancy Districts are not.

This bill is intended to allow for Conservancy Districts that do not exist within a Sanitary District to collect waste which causes harm to the water systems under their jurisdiction.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. I will now turn the floor over to Rep. Swearingen. I am happy to answer any questions you may have after his portion of the testimony.