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## **SENATE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

### **House Bill 450 – Proponent Testimony (written)**

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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Brenner, Ranking Member Maharath, and members of the Senate Local Government, Public Safety and Veterans Affairs Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written proponent testimony in support of HB 450 on behalf of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio.

CCAO would like to thank Representative Jason Stephens for sponsoring this legislation on behalf of Auditor of State Keith Faber. Difficulties in the transition process between county fiscal officers and their successors in office are rare, but they have the potential to cause substantial disruption when they do occur. Our constituents deserve the highest possible level of service at all times and needless interruptions to services are not acceptable. House Bill 450 will create a more streamlined and accountable process to ensure that outgoing fiscal office holders will have a checklist of information they must provide to a successor. The outgoing office holder's compliance to this process will be subject to audit so that the failure to comply with proper transition procedures will have consequences after the individual leaves office.

We are encouraged that the bill allows for input from local officials in designing the checklist. Counties look forward to collaborating with the Auditor of State. CCAO thanks the committee for considering this legislation and we urge the committee to favorably report the bill.



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