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## **HB 654 Sponsor Testimony –House Civil Justice Committee**

Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski, and members of the House Civil Justice Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 654.

H.B. 654 will establish that records kept by JobsOhio are public records and subject to inspection and copy under Ohio Public Records Law.

Currently, the contract between the Development Services Agency and JobsOhio designates that only certain specified records created or received by JobsOhio as public records must be kept on file by the Development Services Agency (R.C. 187.04). It is in this way that JobsOhio is not required to adhere to the same public records laws other public offices.

This bill will establish that materials submitted to JobsOhio in response to a competitive solicitation become public records once a contract has been awarded (R.C. 9.28).

Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski, and members of the House Civil Justice Committee, I thank you for your time, and will be happy to answer any questions.