



OHIO HOUSE GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
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Written Proponent Testimony
Senate Bill 91

Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the Ohio House Government Oversight Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony regarding our support for Senate Bill 91, which targets waste, fraud, and abuse in the public sector.

The Ohio Municipal League represents more than 730 cities and villages, and these municipalities pride themselves on being good stewards of taxpayer money. Furthermore, they carefully consider their financial practices to best carry out important services and programs on behalf of their residents.

It is a tragedy when a public official or employee entrusted by their constituents or residents betrays that trust by committing such fraud or misappropriation of public funds. Senate Bill 91 would help to ensure that these situations become even more of a rarity while also increasing the likelihood that such misuses of public resources are discovered and quickly addressed.

OML was supportive of the training requirements that were ultimately included in House Bill 33, the state operating budget. The provisions in the substitute bill currently being considered to require reporting by those in certain public positions provide an enhancement that can prevent a bad actor from doing additional harm. Likewise, we are supportive of the whistleblower protections for those who report such fraud.

We ask for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 91. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support for this bill on behalf of Ohio municipalities.

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