



MEMORANDUM

Representative Brett Hillyer
Ohio's 51st House District

Chair McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the House Transportation Committee, thank you for giving myself and Rep. Dean the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Bill 284. This short and simple bill would allow use of a rearview mirror to observe water skiers.

Under R.C. 1547.15, water skiers must be observed directly by a passenger who is not the vessel operator. This of course requires that a third person ride in the boat for the duration of the activity. This is a law that is hardly enforced, with only three citations being issued statewide in 2023 for a total fine revenue of \$64.

By permitting water skiers to be observed with a rearview mirror, we allow law-abiding boat owners more flexibility and freedom to enjoy their time on the lake.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. We now welcome questions from the committee.

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