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Chair Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on Sub-House Bill 265.

Sub-House Bill 265 would exclude from public records law the past, current, and future work schedules of designated public service workers (Lines 215-216). In addition to this, currently under ORC 149.43 (A) (7), a designated public service worker may request that their "address... be redacted from any record made available ... to the public on the internet". Sub-HB 265 would ensure that the request for redaction paperwork is not a public record itself (Line 217-218). Also, a public service worker may file an affidavit under ORC 319.28 (B) (1) to remove their name from the general tax list and duplicate of real and public utility property from their name to initials therefore helping them to conceal their identity.

Sub-HB 265 would ensure that the affidavit itself is not a public record (Line 219-220). Current law allows such redactions to be requested by a

- 1) "currently employed" designated public service worker, or by a
- 2) "spouse", "former spouse" or "a child" of a designated public service worker.

Unfortunately, current law does not allow a former designated public service workers to participate in this redaction process and HB 265 would include them in the ORC (Lines 1051 – 1097).

During the committee process an amendment was added exempting work schedules, request forms, and affidavits from being released to journalists. The journalists must provide their name and title along with the name and address of their employer stating why the information sought would be in the public's interest.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify, and I welcome any questions that you may have.

List of Designated Public Service Worker Titles: peace officer, parole officer, probation officer, bailiff, prosecuting attorney, assistant prosecuting attorney, correctional employee, county or multicounty corrections officer, community-based correctional facility employee, youth services employee, firefighter, EMT, medical director or member of a cooperating physician advisory board of an emergency medical service organization, state board of pharmacy employee, investigator of the bureau of criminal identification and investigation, judge, magistrate, or federal law enforcement officer