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Legislative Budget Office
Ohio Legislative Service Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Local Impact Statement Report draft for legislation enacted in 2023.

The league appreciates the work done by the Legislative Service Commission in compiling this information as it provides important information and insight into the impacts state legislation has on local governments, and ultimately on Ohio's residents.

On behalf of the OML's 735 members, we would like to suggest a change for future reports and the development of future Local Government Impact Statements. The league believes that the current practice of producing an impact statement only when legislation is introduced does not provide an accurate reflection of a legislative proposal that has been altered through the amendment process. As in the past, changes from an original proposal can lead to an intended or unintended consequence to local governments. Therefore, we ask that when legislation is amended, through committee or floor action, that a separate impact statement be produced to accurately reflect the true impact of a proposal which is being considered in "real time."

Also, the league is concerned that state budget bills are not included in the Local Impact Statement Report. The league requests that the Legislature revise policy requirements to include state budget bills in the report. This inclusion would more comprehensively demonstrate the impact state legislation has on municipalities and local governments, in general.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to comment on the resource and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Respectfully,

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