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Proponent Testimony – Senate Bill 23 (Written only)

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Good afternoon, Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Government Oversight and Reform Committee. My name is Jon Honeck and I am a Senior Policy Analyst with CCAO. CCAO would like to thank the sponsor of Senate Bill 23, Senator George Lang, for bringing this legislation forward. CCAO is a proponent of this bill because of the increased administrative efficiency and flexibility provided by joint purchasing arrangements. Our members regularly make use of joint purchasing for various products and services in order to provide quality services to county residents at the lowest possible cost. Our members believe that the bill will be especially helpful to address situations in which other local governments, such as townships and villages, may wish to partner with the county on construction contracts. In these situations, the county procurement process may be able to leverage lower costs and receive a greater number of bids than a smaller local government would receive on its own. Joint purchasing is an important tool that increases the procurement options available to counties and other local governments.

Thank you for your consideration. We respectfully request that the committee favorably report Senate Bill 23.

