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Testimony Submitted By State Representative Bobby Gibson

**H.B. No. 5130 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE SEWAGE SPILL RIGHT-TO-KNOW ACT AND EXPANDING CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR WASTEWATER OPERATORS.**

Good Morning Chairman Kennedy, Chairman Miner, Chairman Demicco, Ranking member Harding, Vice Chairs and members. My name is Bobby Gibson and I represent the 15th district.

Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony regarding House Bill 5130. This bill is important to transparency and to the prevention of future sewage waste spills. By ensuring that there is better timeline for notification of residents affected by a sewage spill, we make sure that we fill government's role of keeping the public informed. There should be little to no delay between an incident and when the general public is made aware of something that effects the natural environment that we all share.

The second piece of the bill that I favor is the continuing education for wastewater treatment facility operators. This safeguard will ensure that operators are staying up to date with guidelines and requirements set forth by state and federal authorities.

The gift of our environment is one that we must do everything in our power to protect. This includes passing commonsense legislation like this one.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this bill.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bobby A. Gibson".