

Testimony in Opposition to HB 1444

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The House Transportation Committee amendment to HB 1444 fails to accomplish what the apparent intent of the change was to be. The nature of the committee discussion was that the decision did NOT have to be made at the next meeting. By failing to change the word 'its' to 'a', along with changing 'next' to 'subsequent', the language could still be understood to mean the very next meeting. Perhaps it would be more grammatically correct and also meet the intent of the committee if the passage read, "...shall make a decision at a subsequently scheduled meeting..."

Whether amended or not, I still oppose the bill and ask for a **do not pass** recommendation. It appears that the township has no recourse to resist the county takeover. There should be a process, or something written into the bill that allows a township to resist and to have a process for appeal.

This is poor legislation and needs to be defeated.

Thank you.