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## House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee

### House Bill 145 – Proponent Testimony

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Good morning Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee. My name is Rachel Massoud, and I am a Policy Analyst with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 145, which expands the eligibility for publicly funded child care in Ohio.

House Bill 145 increases the maximum amount of income a family may have for initial and continued publicly funded child care eligibility to 200% of the federal poverty line from 130%. Counties administer the publicly funded child care programs that help eligible families pay for child care. This subsidized care allows more parents and caregivers to enter the workforce and build careers. It is an important component to many families in escaping the cycle of poverty. Child care is a vital work support program and CCAO supports an increase in the income eligibility threshold.

CCAO thanks the sponsors for introducing House Bill 145 and urges the committee to favorably report the bill.



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