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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

House Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

HB2006

Dear Committee on Rules,

Regarding the proposed bill that would limit the number of legislative measures each member of the Legislative Assembly may request the Legislative Counsel to prepare—capping it at 25 for individual legislators and 15 for committees during regular sessions beginning in odd-numbered years, this is a bad bill.

This bill will have unintended and detrimental consequences for democratic representation, responsiveness to constituents, and the diversity of issues brought before the legislature.

Elected officials are sent to the legislature to be the voice of their constituents. Artificially limiting the number of measures they can introduce restricts their ability to advocate on a full range of issues that matter to the people they represent. The political, economic, and social landscape can shift rapidly. New crises, legal developments, or public demands often emerge between sessions. This cap could force legislators to choose between honoring constituent-driven needs and addressing emergent statewide challenges—an unfair and unnecessary trade-off. The bill could limit legislative innovation and create inequities in legislative influence.

Do the right thing and say no to this bill.