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Honorable Chair and Members of the House Local Government Committee,

I wanted to get in touch with you regarding HB 258, Revise local government laws related to public notice, which was heard on Tuesday, January 29. I was concerned that there may have been some confusion with the response I provided to Representative O'Neil's question regarding the possible loss of publishing a notice twice in a newspaper. The language in this bill (found below) would only be applicable if the newspaper failed to publish the notice a second time. It does not allow a city or county the option to only publish once:

Local Government Language

"7-1-2121. Publication and content of notice -- proof of publication. Unless otherwise specifically provided, whenever a local government unit other than a municipality is required to give notice by publication, the following applies:

...

(5) The notice must be published twice, with at least 6 days separating each publication.

(9) If the newspaper fails to publish a second notice, the local government unit must be considered to have met the requirements of this section as long as the local government unit submitted the required information prior to the submission deadline and the notice was posted in three public places in the county that were designated by resolution."

Municipality Language

"7-1-4127. Publication of notice -- content -- proof. (1) When a municipality is required to publish notice, publication must be in a newspaper, except that in a municipality with a population of 500 or less or in which a newspaper is not published, publication may be made by posting in three public places in the municipality that have been designated by ordinance.

...

(7) The notice must be published twice, with at least 6 days separating each publication.

(11) If the newspaper fails to publish a second notice, the municipality must be considered to have met the requirements of this section as long as the municipality submitted the required information prior to the submission deadline and the notice was posted in three public places in the municipality that were designated by ordinance."

Thank you again for your time and consideration, and I apologize for any confusion.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that this is crucial for ensuring the integrity of the financial statements and for providing a clear audit trail.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the sampling process and the statistical techniques employed to ensure the reliability of the results.

3. The third part of the document presents the findings of the study. It shows that there is a significant correlation between the variables being studied, and it provides a clear explanation of the reasons behind this relationship.

4. The final part of the document offers conclusions and recommendations based on the findings. It suggests that further research is needed in certain areas and provides practical advice for improving the accuracy of the data collection process.