

HB 3510: The “Because” Clause

**HB 3510 would add a short notification stating why the bill was drafted
(Similar to a Legislator Draft Request Form)**

The Problem:

- During a town hall event, several constituents came forward and made mention of the difficulty understanding why certain bills were drafted and a growing lack of transparency regarding who is drafting specific bills.
- Citizens without a law background or experience reading legislation face difficulty understanding why the bill was introduced.
- Bills are being pushed as “committee bills” to hide who the sponsors of the bill are, which only increases confusion and reduces transparency leaving many to question why the bill was drafted.

The Solution:

- When legislators are drafting legislative concepts, they must describe a problem and then propose a solution to that problem. This process provides legislative council with a reason why the bill needs to be drafted.
- At the top of every bill there is information pertinent to those reviewing legislation. Currently this information includes a relating to clause, who sponsored the bill or who requested the bill. This would add the reason “why” the bill was drafted.