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I would entertain supporting this bill if it also required reporting of how much the federal regulations benefit our state. For instance, I live in an area where we frequently have poor air quality days. Does it cost to regulate the factors that contribute to the poor air quality? Yes. But there are also negative health consequences at the public health level if we don't. Those health consequences result in lost work days, increased medical bills, decreased life expectancy, poor birth outcomes, developmental issues in children.



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If we're concerned about government waste, we shouldn't be spending taxpayer money tilting at windmills. Regardless of how much compliance with federal laws may cost the state, we are constitutionally required to comply with them. Therefore, this bill would induce state government waste. It is also incomplete. Any assessment of the "costs" of such regulation should also include an assessment of their benefits. Of course, they will be seen to cost too much if you don't know their benefit. In addition, this is redundant. All "major rules," i.e., the vast majority of federal regulation already went through a cost-benefit analysis at the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget at the White House. What will this waste of taxpayer money tell us that we can't already glean from OIRA's reviews? We have rights in this country that are important even if they don't meet a cost benefit analysis review. For example, requisitioning unused private housing to quarter members of the Armed Forces might be more cost effective than building enormous barracks, but that would violate the 3rd Amendment. Transitioning from a federal system of government to a unitary one that does away with state and local governance would massively reduce compliance costs for regulated entities – but I don't think anyone really wants that. To cite another example, looking at the experiences in other countries (such as Australia) a cost-benefit analysis would likely undo the present Supreme Court stance on the 2nd amendment. The Sierra Club is especially concerned with this being used to attack environmental regulations. Would these analyses be used as pressure to end the federal Clean Water Act? If so, it would be very unwise. A 10% improvement in water quality in the U.S. would result in property value appreciation on the order of 6 to 9 billion. But how do we even measure in numbers the ability of our children to safely swim and fish? The Clean Water Act keeps 700 billion pounds of pollutants out of U.S. rivers and streams each year and has doubled the number of rivers and streams suitable for fishing and swimming. Please reject this truly awful proposal.



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Report the effects of state abortion laws on the physical health of people who endure complicated pregnancies, and on the economic health of pregnant people and their families. Report the effects of state laws on transgender individuals and families, including both complete and incomplete suicide attempts and flight from the state for survival. The reports must be delivered to the General Assembly and made public on relevant department websites.