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I am testifying in opposition to this bill. Please help me understand why paying 5 cents for a bag is too much to ask, particularly when "bring your own reusable bag" has long been a practice in our state. People understand why we made the change - to protect our environment from more plastic pollution. Each time I bring my reusable bags to a grocery store, I am reminded of this fact. There are carrots and sticks that act as motivators to change behavior. The very small stick of 5 cents when you forget your bag, helps you to remember to bring it the next time. The system we have now is not broken. Let's not fix it. Thank you.