

Testimony Prepared for the
House Transportation Committee

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RE: Oppose SB 2026

Good morning Chairman Ruby and committee members. For the record, my name is Genny Dienstmann with the ND Association of Counties. Also, within this Association, I serve as the Executive Director of the County Engineers and Highway Superintendents.

Our associations oppose Senate Bill 2026 as written, as it creates broad and unilateral authority by the Governor to conduct a road-train pilot project anywhere in the state. Since federally funded highways are not currently an option for this study due to federal regulations, it seems a pilot site would need to be conducted on local roads. However, the legislation provides no mechanism for the local road authority to refuse the pilot project, nor to be compensated for the inevitable costs, or to address the potential safety issues.

I urge the committee to consider these concerns and oppose SB 2026.