

TESTIMONY OF

Lieutenant Luke Hendrickson

Chairman Ruby and members of the Committee,

My name is Luke Hendrickson, I am the Motor Carrier Operations Commander for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here to provide testimony in support of SB 2075.

In 2024, the NDHP participated in a National Program Review that was completed by the Federal Motor Carriers Safety Administration. During the review it was discovered that due to federal regulation changes in 2020, North Dakota's short haul exemption possibly no longer aligned with allowable variances from federal regulations. North Dakota's short haul hours of service exemption only permits a 12-hour duty day, while the federal short haul exemption allows a 14-hour duty day.

The NDHP supports this bill because it would align North Dakota century code with current federal guidelines (49 CFR 350.305). This bill would increase the allowed hours for an intrastate CMV driver in a short haul operation from 12 hours to 14 hours in a shift without being required to complete a logbook.

With this bill, intrastate hours of service rules in North Dakota will also align with all our neighboring states. Currently MT, MN and SD permit a 14-hour duty day for short haul drivers. The motor carrier industry within North Dakota will positively benefit from this bill, allowing for two additional hours of commerce within a workday to complete deliveries and other associated activities. It would also simplify hours of service record keeping for intrastate drivers.

This concludes my testimony. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have.