

General Motors Testimony: HB 1382
North Dakota Senate Finance and Taxation Committee
March 24, 2024

Chairman weber and members of the Senate Finance and Taxation Committee. My name is Don Larson, and I represent General Motors in North Dakota.

I stand today in opposition to section one of this bill which addresses registration fees for electric vehicles. GM does not oppose additional registration fees for electric vehicles, but we want to make sure that any registration fee imposed is fair when compared to the average gasoline vehicle. We can calculate what the average gasoline vehicle pays in fuel tax based on Federal Highway Administration data.

Average vehicle miles	8,395	miles per year
Average fuel efficiency	<u>24.9</u>	miles per gallon
Gallons of gasoline	337	
ND tax per gallon	<u>\$0.23</u>	
Total ND gas tax collected	77.64	
With \$0.03 increase	87.62	

North Dakota already imposes a registration fee of \$120 for electric vehicles and \$50 for plug-in hybrid vehicles. This additional fee paid by electric vehicles more than makes up for the difference in collections between what a typical gasoline vehicle driver would pay over a year. For that reason, we respectfully ask that the committee give a Do Not Pass recommendation to House Bill 1382.