

January 20, 2021

Re: HB1290

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee,

My name is Rocky Schneider and I am testifying on behalf of myself as a private citizen of North Dakota. My testimony is in no way affiliated with my employer or others I may represent.

I write in support of HB1290.

North Dakota is one of the few states that do not have a standard safe passing distance. Cyclists need to obey traffic laws, but they also need to be comforted with a level of safety while riding. My 9 year old daughter has started to bike with me on the road, as many of her classmates do as well. To think that there is not a law on the books requiring passing cars to give them a safe distance makes me scared as a father.

Please give this a DO PASS. Asking drivers to give 3 feet as they pass a child, or anyone, on a bike is reasonable and prudent regulation.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rocky Schneider