

Senate Bill No. 2027 (Senate Transportation- Sen. Clemens- 1/7/21- Fort Totten- 1:30 p.m.)

- Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee, good morning. For the record, my name is Dustin Assel
 - I am a staff attorney with the Legislative Council.
 - I staffed the most recent interim Agriculture and Transportation committee, which worked on, drafted, and recommended SB 2027 (2021), which is before you today.

- I will start today by saying that I am here to testify in a purely non-partisan and neutral capacity.
 - I am neither in support of nor against this bill, but rather I am here only to provide background and information on the bill and the recommendations of the interim committee.

- General Background:
 - Typically, I would go through the background information and study directive from the 2019 legislative assembly that led to the study and recommendation of legislation by the interim committee. However, in this case, this bill was not recommended pursuant to a study by the interim committee. Instead, there is a statutory requirement in North Dakota Century Code 39-34-05 which requires transportation network companies to bi-annually report information to DOT each year regarding where the company operates in the state, accidents reported, and traffic violations. The information is then reported by DOT to the legislative management each biennium.
 - The reports were received by the interim agriculture and transportation committee as one of the committee's directives.

- Upon receipt of the reports, the committee indicated the reports were unnecessary because nothing is done with the information once it is reported.
 - As a result Senate bill 2027 was drafted and recommended by the interim committee
- Senate Bill 2027
 - Is a repealer bill that simply repeals section 39-34-05, the section which requires the transportation network companies to report.
- Mr. Chairman, that concludes the information I have prepared for you today on this bill.