

**TESTIMONY**  
**HOUSE BILL 1060**  
**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**  
**JANUARY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Arik Spencer. I appear on behalf of the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA) in support of HB 1060.

Section one of HB 1060 amends N.D.C.C. 24-18-06 by adding the words excluding the interstate system. The purpose of this amendment is that currently, trucking companies that purchase the 129,000 permits (30-day or annual) must also get an interstate permit when traveling over 80,000 but under 105,501 pounds. This change removes the need to purchase two permits for the same load and route and would simply allow the trucking industry to use their 129,000 permits on the interstate system.

Section two of this bill amends N.D.C.C. 39-12-02 by allowing the motor carrier industry to purchase oversize and overweight permits for a 30-day period rather than just on a per-trip or annual basis. This change acknowledges that freight movement is dynamic and that vehicles break down, road closures occur, or there are times of the year that see increased freight movement.

The final section of HB 1060 allows for annual permits to be purchased for 365 days or to expire on December 31st, giving trucking companies more flexibility in managing their permits. This would allow them to purchase all permits at once instead of waiting for a current permit to expire.

NDMCA thanks the North Dakota Highway Patrol for recognizing that these changes will benefit the trucking industry by increasing efficiency without sacrificing safety and urges a do pass on HB 1060. Thank you for your consideration, and I would be happy to answer any questions.