

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee - I'm Wayde Swenson, Director of the Office of Operations for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here to provide testimony on House Bill 1253.

I would like to suggest a word change in the bill.

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b. Involved in the maintenance of public roads during snow or ice ~~removal~~ control operations:

We haul material when we are maintaining public roads for snow and ice control operations, not just when we are removing snow and ice.

The department also hauls aggregate for purposes other than snow or ice control operations. If this bill were passed, we would need to purchase truck tarps for those other aggregate hauling operations.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.