

Good morning, Chairman Clemons and members of the Senate Transportation Committee. For the record, my name is Mitch Ostlie, Representative D12 Jamestown.

I am here to introduce HB 1381. This bill is to clarify and remove any doubt that transportation network drivers are independent contractors and not employees of the company.

Drivers currently set their own hours and choose which fares they wish to accept. It is also common that individuals drive for other transportation network companies, and some may even be considered competitors of each other. These are all definite characteristics of an independent contractor.

There have been some questions and lawsuits on this in other states. Hopefully with passage of this bill it will avoid any ambiguity in our current law.

This concludes my testimony, and I can take questions. There is someone else to testify on this bill and they may also be able to answer questions.

Thank you.