

Testimony on SB 2169

Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Senate Transportation Committee.

For the record, my name is Senator Dean Rummel from District 37.

I am here in support of SB 2169.

This bill supports the VISION ZERO aggressive driving team with the goal of reducing serious and fatal crashes on our roadways by increasing the specified fee by \$100 if a violation is a third or subsequent citation of any combination of 42 serious offenses within a five-year period. Some examples of those serious offenses include drag racing, using a wireless device, driving through a red light, overtaking on a hill or curve, failure to yield an emergency vehicle, overtook a school bus, or going around railroad crossing arms.

There are currently 561,246 licensed North Dakota drivers. This increased fine will affect approximately 1,450 drivers that have at least three convictions for violations listed in this proposed bill.

The behaviors of these aggressive drivers need to change. This bill can encourage a change in behavior by penalizing them financially.

Please support and embrace the ND Strategic Highway Safety Plan's VISION ZERO, zero fatalities, zero excuses by passing this bill.

With us is Sgt. Wade Kadrmas, the Chair for the Vision Zero Speeding/Aggressive Driving Priority Emphasis Area Team with the ND Highway Patrol. He can provide you with answers to any questions that you might have.