

Good morning, Chairperson Ruby and members of the Committee. I'm Wayde Swenson, Office of Operations Director for the North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT). I'm here in support of HB 1215.

House Bill 1215 would repeal Section 24-02-46 of the North Dakota Century Code.

The language in Section 24-02-46 states the director may join the multistate highway transportation agreement to promote uniformity among participating jurisdictions in vehicle size and weight standards.

The committee that formed from the agreement was named the Western States Transportation Alliance, WSTA for short. In the past the department has paid membership dues to the committee. WSTA would typically hold two meetings a year, however since 2023 there hasn't been any activity at WSTA and we have quit paying dues.

The NDDOT supports the repeal of the section of law to make it clear that NDDOT does not have to join the committee.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.