

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee

My name is Paul Mutch from Larimore. I urge a NO vote on HB 1392 for the following reasons.

1) Support for Peace Officers

Having two license plates on vehicles can only be a good thing to help our Law Enforcement people to identify and track down suspects for various infractions of the law. If having two license plates is of absolutely any benefit to them and aids them in doing their jobs, I am all for it.

2) Deterrent to Retail Theft

Having a license plate on the front and back of vehicles serves as a deterrent to would-be gasoline thieves at convenience stores. If they see video cameras pointing at both plates, they will think twice before driving off without paying for the gas they just put in their cars. If a theft does occur, law enforcement will be in a position to track down the perpetrators.

Finally, if this is a cost issue, I would suggest raising license registration fees to cover the cost of the second plate. Don't take it out on Law Enforcement.

Thank you

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