

**2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION**

**SB 2111**

# 2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

**Transportation Committee**  
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

SB 2111  
1/5/2023

A Bill relating to certificate of title to be allowed in electronic form.

Technical difficulties from 10:52 AM -11:13 AM.

11:02 AM **Chairman Clemens** called to order. **Senators Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Paulson and Rummel** were present.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Ease of vehicle record access

11:03 AM **Brad Schaffer, Interim Director of Motor Vehicle for the ND Department of Transportation**, testified in favor and submitted testimony #12449

11:09 AM **Rick Clayburgh, President of ND Bankers Association**, provided oral testimony in favor

11:11 AM **Barry Haugen, President of Independent Community Banks of North Dakota (ICBND)**, provided oral testimony in favor

**Additional written testimony:**

**Phillip Murphy, NDSGA** submitted testimony #12276

**Senator Larsen** moved a Do Pass. **Senator Conley** seconded the motion.

<b>Senators</b>	<b>Vote</b>
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed. 5-0-0

**Senator D. Larsen** will carry SB 2111.

11:15 AM **Chairman Clemens** closed the hearing.

*Danielle Butler, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2111: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2111 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**2023 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION**

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# 2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee  
Room JW327E, State Capitol

SB 2111  
3/2/2023

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**Chairman Ruby** opened the hearing at 10:00AM.

**Members present:** Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Koppelman, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. No members absent.

**Discussion Topics:**

- Electronic vehicle titles
- Electronic notifications

**Brad Schaffer, Interim Director of Motor Vehicle with the North Dakota Department of Transportation,** introduced the bill in support (#21561).

**Barry Haugen, President of Independent Community Banks of North Dakota,** verbally testified in support.

**Rick Clayburgh, President/CEO of North Dakota Bankers Association,** verbally testified in support.

**Phil Murphy, North Dakota Soybean Growers Association,** verbally testified in support.

**Brad Schaffer, Interim Director of Motor Vehicle with the North Dakota Department of Transportation,** answered questions from the committee.

**Chairman D. Ruby** closed the hearing at 10:23AM.

**Representative Wagner** moved a **Do Pass**.

**Representative Dakane** seconded the motion.

**Roll call vote:**

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	N
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Scott Dyk	N

Representative Kathy Frelich	N
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	N
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

**Motion carried 10-4-0**

**Representative Wagner is the bill carrier.**

**Chairman D. Ruby** adjourned at 10:24AM.

*Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

**SB 2111: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (10 YEAS, 4 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2111 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

**TESTIMONY**

**SB 2111**



68<sup>th</sup> Session Testimony in favor of 2111

Chairman Clemens and Committee,

My name is Phil Murphy representing the ND Soybean Growers Association. With thousands of producers using many vehicles each, we support the ability to more carry titles electronically. Thank you for your work.



Transportation

**Senate Bill No. 2111****Senate Transportation Committee**

Ft. Totten Room | January 5, 2023, 11:00 a.m.

Brad Schaffer, Motor Vehicle

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Senate Bill 2111 provides for the implementation of electronic titling. The reason for this change is to improve the customer experience, limit in-person office visits and increase efficiency, accuracy and mitigate opportunities for fraud.

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Mr. Chairman, that concludes my testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.



**Senate Bill No. 2111**  
**House Transportation Committee**  
327E | March 2, 2023, 10:00 a.m.  
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