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## **TESTIMONY - SENATE BILL NO. 2027 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION (ROOM 327E - 9:00 A.M.) MARCH 4, 2021**

Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee, good morning. For the record, my name is Dustin Assel. I am a staff attorney with the Legislative Council. I staffed the most recent interim Agriculture and Transportation Committee, which worked on, drafted, and recommended Senate Bill No. 2027 (2021), which is before you today. This testimony is provided in a neutral capacity. I am here only to provide background and information regarding the recommendations of the interim committee.

The bill was introduced by the Legislative Management at the request of the 2019-20 interim Agriculture and Transportation Committee. The bill crossed over from the Senate in its original introduced form without any amendments.

The bill was not recommended by the interim committee pursuant to a study directive, as is typically the case with bills originating from interim committees. Instead, there is a statutory requirement in North Dakota Century Code Section 39-34-05 which requires transportation network companies to bi-annually report information to DOT each year regarding where the company operates in the state, accidents reported, and traffic violations. The information is then reported by DOT to the Legislative Management each biennium. The reports were received by the interim Agriculture and Transportation Committee as one of the committee's directives. Upon receipt of the reports, the committee indicated concerns that the reports were unnecessary because nothing is done with the information once it is reported. As a result, the interim committee requested that Senate Bill No. 2027 (2021) be drafted to repeal the section that requires transportation network companies to report. The bill was drafted and recommended out of committee.

### **EXPLANATION OF THE BILL**

Senate Bill No. 2027 is a repealer bill that simply repeals North Dakota Century Code Section 39-34-05, the section which requires the transportation network companies to report.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, that concludes the information I have prepared for you today. Thank you.