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Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory and Senators in the Transportation committee, my name is Steve Vetter from district 18 which is Grand Forks along the Red River to Manvel.

This is a bill that was brought to me by a constituent. After talking a couple of my legislator colleagues, I learned another legislator was bringing a similar bill and I also learned there is a sheriff in favor of this action and so I introduced this bill on behalf a group of supporters of this bill.

I bring you HB 1340 which changes the allowable window tint amount from 50% to 35%. The neighboring state of South Dakota is at 35%, Montana is 24% Minnesota is at 50% The bill would put us in line with 36 other states. Only 8 states are more restrict than North Dakota.
We are talking about Front driver and passenger window.

Window tint helps people sensitive to light is one reason for the change. This is true is the summer and the snow glare in the winter and with modern LED lights at night. In addition, it helps block harmful UV light.
It keeps the car and equipment inside of the car cooler during the summer months.
New car windshields are usually at 70% indicating in the front windshield having a little tint is safe.
Many people enjoy aesthetic look of the tint and with the newer car there are other devices like blind side lights and other computerized devices for safety.

It makes sense to have a lower % window tint like our neighbors. We don't want to punish out of state travelers for following their laws but not our law. I think this would be unnecessary for out of state travelers. Tourism is our 3rd largest industry in North Dakota, so let's not punish out of state travelers.

Chairman Clemens & committee, please give HB 1340 a Do Pass recommendation. Thank you. I will stand for questions.

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