

2025 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1215

2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1215
1/17/2025

Relating to the multistate highway transportation agreement.
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10:15 a.m. Vice Chairman Grueneich opened the hearing.

Members Present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Christianson, Dressler, Finley-DeVille, Frelich, Hendrix, Johnston, Kasper, Koppelman, Maki, Morton, Osowski, Schatz

Discussion Topics:

- Permit weight
- Variation of weight limits frozen

10:16 a.m. Representative Ruby, ND Legislative Assembly, District 38, introduced the bill and submitted testimony #29784.

10:26 a.m. Wade Swenson, Office Operations Director, NDDOT, testified in favor and submitted testimony #29517.

10:28 a.m. Vice Chairman Grueneich closed the hearing.

10:29 a.m. Representative Hendrix moved a Do Pass.

10:29 a.m. Representative Frelich seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Nels Christianson	Y
Representative Ty Dressler	Y
Representative Lisa Finley-DeVille	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Jared Hendrix	Y
Representative Daniel Johnston	Y
Representative Jim Kasper	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Roger A. Maki	Y
Representative Desiree Morton	Y
Representative Doug Osowski	Y
Representative Mike Schatz	Y

10:29 a.m. Motion passed 14-0-0

10:29 a.m. Representative Frelich will carry the bill.

10:30 a.m. Chairman D. Ruby closed the meeting.

Janae Pinks, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1215 ([25.0695.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1215 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

**House Bill No. 1215****House Transportation**

Room 327E | January 17, 2025, 10 a.m.

Wayde Swenson, Office of Operations

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.

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24-02-46. Multistate highway transportation agreement. The director may join the multistate highway transportation agreement to promote uniformity among participating jurisdictions in vehicle size and weight standards. The legislative council shall review the guidelines for eligible voting members of the cooperating committee formed by the agreement and the legislative management shall appoint a member of the house standing transportation committee and a member of the senate standing transportation committee or their designees as the legislative members representing this state to the cooperating committee formed by the agreement.

2025 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

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2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1215
2/21/2025

Relating to the multistate highway transportation agreement.
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11:01 a.m. Chairman Clemens opened the hearing.

Members present: Chairman Clemens, Vice Chairwoman Cory, Senator Hogan, Senator Klein, Senator Paulson, Senator Rummel

Discussion Topics:

- Structure of current transportation agreement
- Activity of multistate transportation committee
- Obligation of payments due to committee

11:01 a.m. Representative D. Ruby, District 38, introduced HB 1215 and testified in favor.

11:10 a.m. Wayne Swenson, Director of Operations, NDDOT, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38267.

11:13 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

11:13 a.m. Senator Klein moved a Do Pass.

11:13 a.m. Senator Hogan seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Claire Cory	AB
Senator Kathy Hogan	Y
Senator Jerry Klein	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-1.

Senator Klein will carry the bill.

11:13 a.m. Chairman Clemens closed the hearing.

Chance Anderson, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE
HB 1215 ([25.0695.01000](#))

Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). HB 1215 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

**House Bill No. 1215****Senate Transportation**

Fort Totten | February 21, 2025, 11 a.m.

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