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To: Chairman Petersen, Senate Transportation Committee
From: Deanna Sheppard, Vehicle Services Manager, Division of Vehicles
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RE: HB 2122

Thank you, Chairman Peterson and Committee members, for allowing us to be here today to provide testimony as a proponent. This is a bill that the Division of Vehicles requested to make the quarterly payment program consistent between commercial and apportioned registrations by updating statutes 8-143(a) and 8-143(m).

In 2014 when statute 8-143(m) was created by the 2014 legislature and was passed into law it placed all commercial vehicles regardless of whether they were intrastate or interstate on the same level of taxation by using a commercial vehicle fee in lieu of property taxes. In that process, the new law set the quarterly payment minimum at \$300 for apportioned vehicles but left it at \$100 for commercial vehicles. Our legislation would make them the same at a \$300 minimum registration fee to request a quarterly payment and otherwise mirrors the statutes so that they are consistent throughout when applying late fees and/or penalties for later payments.

We believe this bill which would allow both interstate and intrastate registration to be handled the same, would also be an area where we could reduce the confusion for constituents and counties doing registrations of both apportioned and commercial registrations by making the rules consistent across both registrations.

We will stand for questions at the appropriate time.