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**SENATOR MIKE PETERSEN**

**TESTIMONY**

**January 20, 2015**

**Senator Mike Petersen**

**SB 11**

**Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:**

SB 11 may sound familiar as it is the result of SB 418, which was referred to the Judicial Council over the interim. This act concerning scrap metal is the product of some great work by the Judicial Council and other stakeholders. I personally want to thank everyone who was involved in helping to craft this legislation. The scrap metal meeting in my county was well attended with over 100 stakeholders and citizens present. The audience was very diverse and included religious leaders, contractors, scrap metal dealers, recyclers, and law enforcement, as well as members of the Judicial Council.

This bill requires the Attorney General to maintain a database for providing information to law enforcement to enforce the scrap metal reduction act. The act would require scrap metal dealers to obtain a signed statement from the seller as to where the property was obtained and photographs of both the seller and the items being sold. This act creates a fund in the state treasury for operating expenses incurred under this act. The funding will come from the scrap metal dealers registration fees. The Council has worked through many of the definitions to address the concerns expressed during last year's hearing and at stakeholder meetings. I believe this bill strikes a balance by providing protection for our citizens while prohibiting it from becoming overly burdensome to our scrap metal dealers and recyclers.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Petersen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.