

**PHILLIPS COUNTY**

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I would like to submit written testimony supporting HB 2295. Phillips County is a small county with population of 5,640 in the northwest part of the state. We currently have 24 employees in our Road & Bridge Department. Nine of these positions are our Motor Grader operators and almost all of their time is spent maintaining roadways in the county. We have such a small workforce to draw from that by having the operator required to have a current CDL seems unnecessary in their job description. This would make it easier to hire personnel in our department if the CDL was not a requirement for employment.

Therefore I fully support HB 2295 that would exempt motor grader vehicles operated by an employee of a municipality within the boundaries of such municipality.

Thank you for considering approval of HB 2295.

Max L Dibble

Phillips County Commissioner