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H.B. 227 RELATING TO VEHICLE SAFETY

House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 227, which creates additional fines for any individual found operating a vehicle or moped without a current certificate of inspection.

The DOT supports this bill as this would promote operator awareness of proper vehicle and moped maintenance and adherence to general safety standards.

Current certification of inspections minimizes the potential for worn or faulty components on a vehicle operating on the system to contribute to crash rates, thereby increasing safety for drivers, passengers, and vulnerable users of the system.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.