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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HOUSE BILL NO. 2531, HD1, SD1

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the intent of this bill, but has concerns that the appropriation needed to implement this bill may adversely impact the priorities established in the Executive Supplemental Budget. The DOT is also concerned that we may not be the most appropriate agency for this undertaking.

The primary responsibility for emergency access and response planning rests more appropriately with the Counties. County agencies have the authority and local expertise that are more suited to accomplishing the goals set out in this bill. From the DOT's perspective, transportation facilities are only one component of a comprehensive emergency access plan and we recognize that multi-agency coordination is essential. The DOT is more than willing to play a significant role and assist in the plan development process. But we believe that the County is more appropriate as the lead for this effort.