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H.B. 494, H.D. 1 RELATING TO URBAN ART

House Committee on Finance

House Bill 494, H.D.1 establishes a pilot program for the creation of urban art under the direction of the State Foundation on Culture and the Arts, to be repealed on June 30, 2016.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** the intent of the bill as an attempt to address graffiti and tagging on public property and appreciates the opportunity to be included in the process to determine location and maintenance of these expressions of art.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

