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## H.B. 115, H.D. 1 RELATING TO HIGHWAYS

## Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental and Military Affairs & Transportation and Energy

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this bill to resolve issues of ownership and maintenance of publicly owned roads, or roads whose ownership has been called into question by requiring the administrative head of each state department or agency to convey, by deed of conveyance, the title of all disputed public highways in counties with a population of five hundred thousand or greater, to the respective county in which the disputed public highway is situated and to require said county to take ownership and jurisdiction by January 1, 2018. DOT has the following concerns:

The January 1, 2018 would be very difficult to meet as it is not possible to know all roads in dispute at this time. We recommend striking the date.

DOT assumes that conveyancing can be done through quit claim.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.