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S.B. 929
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAYS AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **provides comments** on S.B. 929. This measure requires the Department of Transportation to perform a comprehensive review of its internal controls over financial reporting.

The Highway Safety Section of the Highways Division has submitted a corrective action plan according to the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act in December. The corrective actions were accepted by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The action plan addresses internal controls specifically related to moving towards a grants tracking system, in addition training has begun with DOT's contractor to prepare staff on the launch of the new grants tracking system. The corrective action plan also describes procedures in reporting subrecipients into the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System. The corrective action plan was incorporated into the Highway Safety Section policy and procedures manual and shared with NHTSA on December 30, 2022.

The Highway Safety Section welcomes suggestions from the Office of the Auditor; however, DOT does not find this measure necessary at this time.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.