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## H.C.R. 30

REQUESTING EACH COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT TO INCREASE ENFORCEMENT AGAINST OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADWAYS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PROPERLY REGISTERED IN THE APPROPRIATE COUNTY.

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports H.C.R. 30, which urges each county police department to increase enforcement against out-of-state vehicles operating on public roadways without proper registration in the appropriate county.

HCR30 addresses an ongoing issue that affects not only the fiscal health of our counties but also the safety and equity of our roadways. Existing law requires that vehicles brought into the state either be registered locally or obtain an out-of-state permit. Unfortunately, too many vehicles are allowed to operate without fulfilling these legal requirements, undermining both public safety and the integrity of our transportation system.

When out-of-state vehicles fail to register locally, they avoid paying their fair share of fees and taxes that support critical infrastructure such as road maintenance and public safety services. This creates an unfair burden on law-abiding residents who fulfill their registration obligations and fund these shared resources. Moreover, unregistered vehicles may bypass required safety inspections and could potentially lack adequate insurance coverage, posing increased risks to other road users.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.