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Good afternoon my name is Matt Gilley and I am writing today to offer testimony neither for nor against ld 276. This started as a concept bill titled an act regarding the laws of fisheries and wildlife. There was no description in the bill until late Friday afternoon when it was replaced with an amendment that we now see addressing ATV weight limits. The entire bill title was changed as well. While I certainly understand the reasoning behind concept drafts it seems this practice is being used more frequently and it undermines public participation. This bill had absolutely nothing to do with laws regarding fisheries or wildlife so why was that used as a title? Why couldn't the title have been laws governing ATVs; that would have at least given the public some sense of the bill that would be coming forth. This is not the first bill to do this session and I've expressed my concerns to my local representatives multiple times but seems to have fallen on deaf ears. As an elected official myself I find it troubling the lack of transparency that has been taking place in the legislature and hope that this doesn't continue to be a recurring theme. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope it initiates some productive changes.