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L.D. 1809 "An Act to Stabilize Highway Fund Revenue"

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Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, Members of the Transportation Committee, I am providing testimony neither for nor against L.D. 1809 "An Act to Stabilize Highway Fund Revenue".

We all know there needs to be a mechanism to improve funding for roadway and bridge construction and maintenance. This bill proposes several new revenue sources for the Highway Fund. While we support the overall concept of new revenue streams, section 2 of the bill provides a challenge for us to implement in the near future.

BMV's current computer system does not contain a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) decoder system nor do the town vendor systems contain VIN decoders. Without a VIN decoder system, we cannot accurately identify electric vehicles from other types of vehicles. Should this bill pass, BMV would need to obtain and implement a VIN decoder system to ensure accurate fuel data is captured and the surcharge is accurately charged and collected. While BMV is working on modernization, we have not modernized the registration module yet. This would mean we would need to implement a VIN decoder and make necessary updates in our current legacy system and then implement the VIN decoder and necessary updates again in our modernized application. It should also be noted the vendor computer systems that the municipalities use to register vehicles, would also need to be modified, resulting in municipalities also paying fees to their vendors to implement the changes.

Due to this challenge, we ask that if the bill is passed, the implementation date for section 2 of the bill be delayed until March 1, 2027, to give us time to make the necessary system updates.

Thank you for your time today. If the committee has any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer them or conduct the appropriate research for the work session.