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Good morning, Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Jackie Darr and I am the Permit Office Supervisor for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1181.

This bill amends N.D.C.C. 39-12-02, subsection 5, relating to 24- hour over width travel.

This change would allow industry to move loads up to 12' wide 24-hours a day. This is an increase from the 10' wide that was added in 2011 with House Bill 1254. No negative impact occurred by allowing the 10' travel at night.

This will also help North Dakota with concerns from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). FHWA has concerns nationally with truck parking and congestion. Oversize loads can take more than one spot when parking. If we can move oversize loads at night when less traffic is on the roadway it will have a positive impact to the traveling public for congestion as well. We currently have some issues with congestion during the rush hours in the urban areas.

All bordering states and provinces except South Dakota currently allow 24-hour travel at 12' wide. This could bring positive economic benefits to North Dakota by allowing industry to keep moving at night.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.