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Testimony of Department of Motor Vehicles

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Proposed H.B. No. 5550 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF A MOBILE TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.

Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding HB 5550, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTIES FOR UNLAWFUL USE OF A MOBILE TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE.

The Department of Motor Vehicles recognizes the dangers associated with motor vehicle operators using a cell phone or other electronic devices while driving and is generally supportive of such efforts to make our roads safer for the motoring public.

However, the Department opposes suspending a person's driver's license for second or subsequent offenses because of the huge increase in the number of operator suspensions this proposed change in law would create. DMV simply does not have the resources to handle such an impact that would require additional staff and other administrative resources.

The Department looks forward to continuing to work closely with the Transportation Committee on these issues in order to make our highways and roads safe.

Thank you again for allowing me to provide testimony on HB 5550.