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Proposed S.B. No. 191 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.

Good morning Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero, Senator Boucher, Representative Scribner and other members of the Transportation Committee.

I am here today to provide comments on SB 191, AN ACT CONCERNING THE PENALTY FOR CAUSING HARM TO A VULNERABLE USER OF A PUBLIC WAY.

While the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) understands the intent of the bill is to try to make motor vehicle operators more aware of other users of the state's roads, such as cyclists, pedestrians, highway workers and others, the Department has concerns regarding the potential cost and related impact.

DMV will have to reprogram part of its IT system to ensure that a single violation as contemplated by this bill would generate the operator retraining requirement. Currently, operator retraining is required after a third conviction of certain moving violations for persons aged 24 and older and after two convictions for those under age 24. The cost for reprogramming our system for this change could be approximately \$200,000 or more.

Also, please keep in mind that DMV is in the middle of its IT modernization efforts to improve customer service and these types of proposed changes will only delay its implementation.

Again, the Department understands the need to raise awareness for the motoring public that others besides motor vehicles use our roads, however, we want the Committee to recognize there are costs associated with this bill.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify and comment on this proposed legislation.