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Testimony

To: Chairman Wilborn and Members of Senate Judiciary Committee
From: Lisa Kaspar, Director of Division of Vehicles
Date: March 6, 2017
RE: Testimony for Senate Bill 179

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony regarding Senate Bill 179.

Senate Bill 179, Section 4, requires the Secretary of Revenue, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Director of Vehicles, to promulgate rules and regulations requiring that an applicant for issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license, prior to such issuance or renewal, complete training approved by the Attorney General in human trafficking identification and prevention and provide satisfactory proof of such completion prior to such issuance or renewal.

The Division of Vehicles supports training in identification and prevention of human trafficking. We currently show a fourteen-minute video on the topic, however, participation is voluntary. We do not currently provide training on this topic for CDL renewals nor is any testing required.

If the training and testing were to be administered at the Driver's License Exam Station, a CDL renewal transaction which currently takes approximately six minutes to process would take over 30 minutes. Additional processing time for CDL renewals impacts wait times for all Driver's License customers, leading to longer wait times and customer complaints.

Because of the impact to customers and since the bill language requires the training be approved by the Attorney General; we suggest the Office of the Attorney General design, develop, deliver, and certify completion of the training. The applicant or renewal customer could be provided with a certificate verifying satisfactory completion of the training or the Attorney General's office could transmit completions directly to the Division. We would work with the Attorney General to provide information to customers regarding the training requirement and to raise awareness of this important topic.

This would allow the intent of the bill to be met without adding additional processing time at the Driver's License Station and negatively impacting other customers for whom such training is not mandated.

Thank you for your consideration.