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SB 2546, RELATING TO EMERGENCY RESPONSE VEHICLES

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1:15 p.m.

1 **Department's Position:** Oppose.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Undetermined resources are required that are not in the current budget.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This proposal establishes a temporary emergency vehicle noise task force
4 to determine the impact of the use of emergency vehicle sirens relative to noise and their effect on public
5 safety as well as the effectiveness of using emergency lights instead of sirens during nighttime hours.

6 We appreciate the intent of the proposal to minimize emergency vehicle noise while maintaining
7 safety in traffic. However, our current budget precludes the support required to implement the proposed
8 task force.

9 Furthermore, we note that a priority dispatch has already been implemented to determine when
10 warning lights and sirens are appropriate; this item is mentioned in section (b)(3) on page 3 of the bill.

11 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.