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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SENATE BILL NO. 165 SENATE DRAFT 1

COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

The Department of Transportation supports the Starlight Reserve Advisory Working Committee section of this bill.

As a member of the advisory committee, the Department feels that the advisory committee did not complete all of its work as only three or four meetings were held. We believe this one year extension presents an opportunity to clarify and resolve matters, which were presented in our earlier testimonies, and gives time for the advisory committee to do the various inter-agency coordination needed to develop a night sky strategy.

The Department of Transportation is willing to continue its participatory work with the Starlight Reserve Advisory Committee and would prefer a two year extension of 2013 as proposed in Senate Bill 81.

The Department is also committed to provide proper lighting, but recommends that the process to address improvements to the night sky conditions and requirements be done with further coordination and discussions among all the affected parties and agencies