



LATE TESTIMONY

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**H.B. 687
RELATING TO ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

House Committee on Finance

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **opposes** HB 687 as it is not necessary. The State Fire Council (SFC), which is comprised of the fire chiefs of each county are aware of this issue. Although the DOT agrees with the objectives of HB 687 to provide additional emergency response training relating to electric vehicles, we have the following concerns:

1. The DOT does not have the appropriate abilities and resources to develop a training program and conduct a safety study relating to emergency response involving electric vehicles; and
2. There are existing resources available to educate emergency responders in addressing emergency situations involving electric vehicles. For example, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)'s Electric Vehicle Safety Training project is a nationwide program to help firefighters and other first responders prepare for the growing number of electric vehicles on the road in the United States. NFPA's online resources including research, articles, newsletters, interim guidance, and videos.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

