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H.B. 735, H.D. 2, S.D.1
RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL INDUSTRY

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** H.B. 735, H.D.2, S.D.1 which allows rental car companies to fully collect from customers the government-assessed fees they pay while ensuring the protection of customers by expanding the categories that can be recovered by the rental car companies, prohibiting rental car companies from collecting more fees from customers than total fees paid, and requiring all rental car companies to undergo annual third party audits by a certified public accountant.

The additional mandated government fees collected should assist rental car companies by increasing the frequency in terms of replenishing the vehicle rental fleet to provide newer and safer cars for customers to rent. In addition, it should support providing adequate fleet inventory to meet the customer demands for rental cars. By not addressing the demand, the traveling public may have to opt to other means of ground transportation which could be costlier and less flexible for the customer.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.