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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee - I'm Robin Rehborg, Deputy Director for Driver Safety at the North Dakota Department of Transportation (DOT). I am here to provide you information regarding fees charged by the Department as it pertains to HB1031. Thank you for your time today.

The DOT's Driver License and Motor Vehicle Divisions collect funds through fees charged for services or products provided to the citizens of our state. There are over 100 different fees collected by these two divisions. The fees charged have been set according to North Dakota Century Code (NDCC).

The Driver License Division provides identification, licensing, and driver record management services. A variety of fees are collected for services or products provided and range from a written test fee to a crash report fee. All funding collected from Driver's License fees are deposited into the state Highway Fund per NDCC §39-06.2-19 and §39-06-49.

The Motor Vehicle Division administers programs relating to titling and registration of vehicles, including the motor vehicle excise tax. The division regulates motor vehicle dealers, interstate motor carriers, mobility-impaired parking privileges, and intrastate household goods carriers. A variety of fees are collected for different services and products provided, which can range from a title fee to a special license plate fee. Motor Vehicle fee collections are distributed to various other funds, but the Motor Vehicle program is funded before collections are distributed to other areas, per NDCC §39-04-39. For instance, the abandoned vehicle fee required by NDCC §23.1-15-11 is distributed to the Department of Environmental Quality.

Most transactions processed by the above-mentioned divisions have multiple fees attached to it. Here are a couple of examples:

Driver license: A written knowledge test fee is \$5, if passed there is also a \$15 license/permit fee. For a total of \$20.00. These are completed in the same transaction.

Motor Vehicle: When registering a vehicle there are multiple fees depending on the situation. For this instance, the entity is tax exempt, but will still pay the following fees:

Vehicle Fees	
Fee Type	Calculated Amount
Abandoned Vehicle Fee	1.50
Registration Fee	5.00
Title Fee	5.00
Excise Tax	0.00
Unsatisfied Judgment Fee	1.00
Summary Information	
Office	Calculated Total
Bismarck	12.50

It would be a complex and time-consuming project for DOT to calculate costs tied to each fee as described in Section two (a) of this bill. It would take a significant amount of time, requiring each transaction to be tracked individually to obtain the costs per fee. We have participated in similar studies in the past and have not been able to develop cost data to the detail required since most transactions have multiple fees required by multiple sections of statute.

This concludes my testimony. Thank you.