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Chair Baldrige, Vice-Chair McClain, Ranking Member Sheehy, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony today on House Bill 465.

This bill is designed to give citizens and schools more information about upcoming roadway construction projects, to allow school districts more preparation time in advance.

This straightforward and simple bill does the following:

- Requires the Director of Transportation to notify the general community and offer an opportunity for appropriate public involvement before making any significant changes to any street or roadway.
- Specifically requires the Director to notify any school impacted by an additional state highway, or a significant change to a state highway or other street or roadway.
- Requires the Director, or any person preparing a traffic safety study for the Department of Transportation, to do both of the following:
 - Consider the impact of a proposed project on traffic through a designated school zone; and
 - Evaluate any increase or decrease of traffic through a designated school zone in light of the safety of students and school traffic.

Notify and consider. That is all that this bill is directing the Department of Transportation to do. As I said: simple, and straightforward.

We are happy to answer any questions from the committee at this time.