

HB 96 WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 05/12/2025

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Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): House Bill 96

Specific Issue: Drivers Education Funding

Are you testifying as a: **Interested Party**

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? **Yes**

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How much time will your testimony require? **1-2 minutes**

Please provide a brief statement on your position: **The following testimony advocates for more funding to put driver's education back in schools.**

The Need for Drivers Education in School

I hope to address the youth that don't have proper access to getting their license. The lack of students having their license can put strain on parents by having to drive them to school/work and/or any extracurriculars or to friends' houses or anything else that may need transportation. In a way this problem directly affects me because if I had easier access to taking my drivers test through the school then I wouldn't have had to wait a month to take the test after scheduling it. The problem is happening because some students just don't have time or the extra transportation to the drivers classes or just aren't motivated enough to actually go and try and get their license or take the classes. If we do nothing about this problem we will end up having people in their mid late 20's without their license freeloading off people and needing a ride from you all the time, either that or they'll go and get their license after they turn 18 and don't have to take the classes and then we'll have more stupid drivers that don't know what they're doing on the road.

To address this problem we need to find a way to implement driving classes into schools weather it be an extracurricular option or an afterschool class that students can sign up for, I feel like if we can get it added into more schools it could make a drastic change in the amount of students getting their license. I would spend the money on getting driving instructors to come to the school and teach the students that are paying for classes the teachers to be driving instructors so that the students could feel more comfortable by having a teacher they already know teaching the class. We will know that this is an effective way of going about the issue if we can get at least 25% of students in classes that don't already have their license or permit and at least 75%-80% of those students coming out with their license or temps. Would you be willing to increase funds in the state budget to put drivers' education back in schools?