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Sponsor Testimony Senate Bill 97
Senators Steve Wilson and Hearcel F. Craig
Transportation Committee
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Chair Patton, Vice-Chair Schaffer, Ranking Member Leader Antonio, and members of the Transportation Committee. Thank you for allowing Senator Wilson and I to provide Sponsor Testimony on Senate Bill 97 which would double fines for failing to yield to a funeral procession.

When we lose a loved one, many families conduct a funeral procession for all parties to the cemetery to lay their loved one to rest. People participating in the procession must have their headlights on, and display a purple and white or orange and white pennant attached to each vehicle to alert drivers of the funeral procession.

Drivers must yield and give the right of way to the procession when it is moving on the road. Unfortunately, many drivers do not obey this law and interrupt the procession. This causes disruption and possible harm to those participating in the procession as well as other drivers on the road.

This legislation increases the penalty for drivers who do not follow traffic laws during a funeral procession. Fines will double for a motor vehicle who fails to yield to a funeral procession at the time of the infraction.

Chairman Patton and members of the committee, we appreciate your attention and consideration of this important legislation. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.