

2023 HOUSE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1060

2023 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Room JW327E, State Capitol

HB 1060
1/5/2023

A bill relating to special permit fees.

Chairman Ruby opened the hearing at 9:03am.

Members present: Chairman Ruby, Vice Chairman Grueneich, Representatives Anderson, Christensen, Dyk, Frelich, Hauck, Koppelman, Murphy, Timmons, Wagner, Weisz, Dakane, Dobervich. No members absent.

Discussion Topics:

- Primary network permits
- Motor carrier permits

Jackie Darr, Permit Office Supervisor for the North Dakota Highway Patrol, testified in support (#12366).

Russ Hanson, Associated General Contractors of North Dakota, testified in support.

Arik Spencer, North Dakota Motor Carriers Association, testified in support (#12510).

Brad Darr, State Maintenance Engineer for the North Dakota Department of Transportation, testified in support.

No further testimony.

Chairman Ruby closed the hearing at 9:13am.

Representative Murphy moved a Do Pass.

Representative Christensen seconded the motion.

Committee discussion.

Rollcall vote:

Representatives	Vote
Representative Dan Ruby	Y
Representative Jim Grueneich	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Cole Christensen	Y
Representative Hamida Dakane	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y

Representative Scott Dyk	Y
Representative Kathy Frelich	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Ben Koppelman	Y
Representative Eric James Murphy	Y
Representative Kelby Timmons	Y
Representative Scott Wagner	Y
Representative Robin Weisz	Y

Motion passed 14-0-0

Representative Christensen is the bill carrier.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.

Mary Brucker, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1060: Transportation Committee (Rep. D. Ruby, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (14 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1060 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2023 SENATE TRANSPORTATION

HB 1060

2023 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Transportation Committee
Fort Totten Room, State Capitol

HB 1060
2/16/2023

Relating to special permit fees.

9:29 AM Chairman Clemens opens meeting.

Senators Present: **Clemens, Conley, Larsen, Rummel, Paulson.**

Discussion Topics:

- 10% permit

9:30 AM Jackie Darr, Permit Officer Supervisor for ND Highway Patrol, in favor #20594

9:39 AM Amanda Remyse, ND Motor Carriers Association, in support. #20995

9:39 AM Carey Burke, Association of General Contractors, verbally in favor.

9:40 AM Brad Barr, State Engineer for ND Department of Transportation, verbally in favor.

9:40 AM Chairman Clemens adjourns hearing.

9:41 AM Senator Paulson moved a Do Pass.

9:41 AM Senator Larsen seconded.

Senators	Vote
Senator David A. Clemens	Y
Senator Cole Conley	Y
Senator Doug Larsen	Y
Senator Bob Paulson	Y
Senator Dean Rummel	Y

Motion passed 5-0-0

9:42 AM Senator Larsen will carry.

9:42 AM Chairmen Clemens adjourned meeting.

Nathan Liesen, Committee Clerk

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1060: Transportation Committee (Sen. Clemens, Chairman) recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1060 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

TESTIMONY

HB 1060



68th Legislative Assembly

Testimony in **Support** of
House Bill No. 1060
Transportation Committee

January 05, 2023

TESTIMONY OF

Jackie Darr, Permit Office Supervisor ND Highway Patrol

Good morning, Chairman Ruby and members of the House Transportation Committee. My name is Jackie Darr and I am the Permit Office Supervisor for the North Dakota Highway Patrol. I am here to provide testimony in support of House Bill 1060.

This bill amends N.D.C.C. 24-18-06 by adding the words “excluding the interstate system”.

This change would allow industry to utilize their 129,000 permit on the interstate system over 80,000 pounds and under 105,501 pounds. Companies that purchase the 129,000 permit for 30 days or an annual permit are currently required to also get an interstate permit when traveling over 80,000 but under 105,501 pounds. The change would effectively allow them to use the 129000 permit in lieu of an interstate permit.

This bill amends N.D.C.C. 39-12-02 by allowing the motor carrier industry to purchase permits for a 30-day period. In addition, it allows for annual permits to be purchased for 365 days or to expire December 31st.

The first portion of this change would allow the trucking industry would like the option to purchase current annual permits for a 30-day period. Companies with truck breakdowns or that hire someone to assist for a short term would prefer this option. The option would also be beneficial to the ag industry during planting and harvest season. All permits would be legal weight or bridge their weights due to axle configurations. This change would not affect any bridge structures for travel due to weight limitations. The price suggested for these 30-day permits is \$50. This would follow the prices of other 30-day permit in North Dakota all are currently either \$50 or \$100.

The second portion of this change allows companies to choose if they purchase the permits for 365 days as we currently allow or to have the permit expire December 31st each year. The construction industry has requested this change. Construction season is limited in our state due to weather. This would allow them to purchase all permits at once instead of waiting for a current permit to expire.

This bill amends N.D.C.C. 39-12-05-02 this would also allow industry to purchase permits for 365 days or expire December 31st.

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These changes were discussed with the North Dakota Motor Carrier Association and the Association of General Contractors.

This concludes my testimony. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

TESTIMONY
HOUSE BILL 1060
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 5th, 2023

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Transportation Committee, my name is Arik Spencer. I appear on behalf of the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA) in support of HB 1060.

Section one of HB 1060 amends N.D.C.C. 24-18-06 by adding the words excluding the interstate system. The purpose of this amendment is that currently, trucking companies that purchase the 129,000 permits (30-day or annual) must also get an interstate permit when traveling over 80,000 but under 105,501 pounds. This change removes the need to purchase two permits for the same load and route and would simply allow the trucking industry to use their 129,000 permits on the interstate system.

Section two of this bill amends N.D.C.C. 39-12-02 by allowing the motor carrier industry to purchase oversize and overweight permits for a 30-day period rather than just on a per-trip or annual basis. This change acknowledges that freight movement is dynamic and that vehicles break down, road closures occur, or there are times of the year that see increased freight movement.

The final section of HB 1060 allows for annual permits to be purchased for 365 days or to expire on December 31st, giving trucking companies more flexibility in managing their permits. This would allow them to purchase all permits at once instead of waiting for a current permit to expire.

NDMCA thanks the North Dakota Highway Patrol for recognizing that these changes will benefit the trucking industry by increasing efficiency without sacrificing safety and urges a do pass on HB 1060. Thank you for your consideration, and I would be happy to answer any questions.



68th Legislative Assembly

Testimony in **Support** of
House Bill No. 1060
Transportation Committee

February 16, 2023

TESTIMONY OF

Jackie Darr, Permit Office Supervisor ND Highway Patrol

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February 16, 2023

Senate Transportation Committee
Chairman David Clemens
HB 1060

Chairman Clemens and members of the Committee my name is Amanda Remyense, and I am representing the North Dakota Motor Carriers Association (NDMCA). **NDMCA supports HB 1060.**

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We like that this bill creates efficiency and flexibility for system users.

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