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Chair Hornstein and Members of the House Transportation Finance and Policy Committee:

The Minnesota DWI Task Force supports the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Proposal to create a Traffic Safety Advisory Council and allocate appropriate funding (Revisor 22-07478). This proposal would help improve uniformity, transparency, and collaboration of key traffic safety professionals. This proposal would also ensure oversight by the governor, state department heads, and legislature about our progress.

Unfortunately, DWIs continue to be one of many public safety concerns on Minnesota's roads, resulting in fatalities, injuries, and property damage. Active efforts must be taken to address this problem. We must understand why this is happening and how to prevent it. An open exchange of information and ideas among key stakeholders is the best way to work on these goals, and funding is necessary to implement measures to achieve these important objectives.

The DWI Task Force respectfully asks for your support for this proposal.

Sincerely,

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