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HF2295 - Bernardy: Work Zone Safety Pilot Program

Dear Chair Hornstein and Members of the House Transportation Committee:

On behalf of the 230 member organizations of the Minnesota Transportation Alliance, I would like to urge support for HF2295 allowing for a work zone safety pilot program.

The Minnesota Transportation Alliance supports efforts to address speeding in work zones, a dangerous trend that leads to injuries and fatalities. A work zone safety pilot program that tests the use of automated speed enforcement will provide the experience and data we need to know if these types of efforts should be expanded throughout the state. This initiative builds on previous work that increased fines and raised awareness of the dangers to workers of speeding drivers.

With roadway fatalities rising to levels not seen in many years, now is the time to take steps that will encourage drivers to pay attention and drive at posted speeds when traveling through work zones. As we approach another busy construction season, it's important to protect the people building and repairing our roadways.

Please support HF2295.

Sincerely,

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