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The Honorable Benjamin Lefebvre, Chairman and the House Fish and Game & Marine Resources Committee NH State House, Room 307 Concord, NH 03301

Re: HB 304-FN, an act relative to OHRV registration transfer fees, removing the penalty of completion of a training program for certain OHRV and snowmobile violations, and deleting the OHRV and snowmobile vanity plates or decals.

Dear Chairman Lefebvre and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development, Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails in support of the House Bill 304-FN.

This bill makes technical corrections to existing registration fee structures for OHRV transfer fees. The fees referenced in statute do not correctly reflect the breakdown for this registration category and as such the Bureau's Grant-In-Aid program has been receiving \$8 per transfer registration when it should have been receiving \$10.50. This change will not increase the cost of a transfer registration but will allow the Fish & Game Department to forward the correct fees to DRED for the grant program.

We also support the Fish & Game Department's desire to amend the requirements for certain violation offenses, including discontinuing mandatory training program attendance and rescinding their authority for a vanity decal program. Both of these sections are supported by the user community and will reduce an administrative burden on the Fish & Game Department.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of HB 304. Feel free to contact me should you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Acting Commissioner

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