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The Honorable Susan Almy, Chairwoman and House Ways & Means Committee NH State House, Room Concord, NH 03301

Re: Support for 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 Chairwoman Almy and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Department of Resources and Economic Development (DRED), Division of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Trails (Bureau) 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. The Bureau's Grant In Aid program has been receiving \$10.50 per transfer registration, as it should, however, the statute still reflects the previous lower amount. HB 304 will not increase the cost of an OHRV transfer registration, but will make the technical correction to enable the Fish & Game Department to forward the correct fees to DRED for its grant program.

We also support the Fish & Game Department's desire to amend the requirements for certain violation offenses to not have to attend the mandatory training program, and to rescind the 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 your anticipated support.

Sincerely,

Philip A. Bryce Acting Commissioner

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