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To: Joint Committee on Transportation

Testimony in support of SB466

Co-Chairs Senator Beyer and Representative McLain,

I would like to express my support for SB466 as a means to start a stable financial plan to fund our local tow company partners, law enforcement agencies, code enforcement officials and local governments to properly dispose of recreational vehicles (RV's) that are abandoned on public properties.

As I am sure you are very aware, the epidemic of abandoning these vehicles on state highway rights of way, rural county roads, timberland access roads and local city streets has become so prevalent that local governments have all but given up on enforcement and removal.

County governments are using general fund dollars (property taxes) to try to pay for the expensive removal and disposal of RV's and find that there is no help from the state to manage the expenses that the regulatory process to dispose of these hulks imposes. The tow companies that agree to haul these mountains of hazardous materials often end up having to keep them in their impound lots once they take possession and risk having an eventual challenge with state and local governments for accumulating this material. The fees they are provided to remove these RV's in most cases will not cover the expense of hooking up or hauling them and certainly does not cover the expense of proper disposal.

Please support moving this bill forward so that we can start to provide solutions to this very important challenge.

Polk County Commissioner and Board Chair

Craig Pope