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RESOLUTION ON GRAND FORKS COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA'S OPPOSITION TO SB 2026: ROAD TRAIN EXCESS LIMIT AUTHORIZATION

WHEREAS, SB 2026 is a concurrent resolution urging congress to temporarily amend cargo carrying truck length and weight restrictions on state highways and interstates that are a part of the National Network to allow North Dakota and surrounding states to conduct a road train pilot program and to permanently amend the restrictions to allow road trains on the National Network highways and interstates if the pilot program is successful.

WHEREAS, The Federal Highway Network, operated by the NDDOT, would not be eligible for "road trains" based on federal regulations;

WHEREAS, Road trains would only be allowed on the other state highways, county highways, or township roads;

WHEREAS, The road infrastructure that is used today has not been designed to accommodate the latest size and load limits;

WHEREAS, Grand Forks County has ongoing maintenance and infrastructure needs that are costly and necessary for the safety of its citizens;


WHEREAS, Under SB 2026 the Governor would have the authority to designate certain roads to act as pilot sites for road trains, without local government input or oversight;

WHEREAS, No independent evaluation has been done to determine the costs and safety of road trains on the transportation system.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Grand Forks County Commission opposes SB 2026 in its entirety.

Dated at Grand Forks, ND this 2nd day of March, 2021 by the Grand Forks County Commission.



Cynthia Pic, Chair



Debbie Nelson, Auditor