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We, your committee on Highways and Transportation having had under consideration HJR 13 (third reading copy -- blue), respectfully report that HJR 13 be amended as follows and as so amended be concurred in.

Signed

Senator Larry Tveit, Chair

That such amendments read:

1. Page 1, lines 19 through 21. Strike: lines 19 through 21 in their entirety

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