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Position: Oppose

Hello members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB2642. I believe that totally privatizing DEQ testing will not positively impact the community. Privatizing this routine maintenance will allow for companies to charge whatever cost they want, likely increasing the consumer fees due to the cost of equipment and new training/labor. Additionally, it can increase the likeliness that industry influences our environmental impact standards, which we cannot afford to change. The DEQ testing has incentivized people to maintain their vehicles. DEQ allows for certified private businesses to conduct emission tests under the DEQ Too program. Having both public and private options is best for the people.

Thank you,

Haile Peveto