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RE: Please Support HB 1514 (RV Insignias)

Chair Keiser and members of the Senate Labor & Commerce Committee, for the record my name is Nick Rudowich, Senior Manager, of Government Affairs for the RV Industry Association, and I appreciate this opportunity to testify in strong support of HB 1514.

The RV Industry Association is the national trade association representing the diverse manufacturing businesses which together manufacture over 98 percent of all recreational vehicles produced in the United States.

RV plan approval by the Department Labor and Industries is required by law for RV manufacturers to purchase Washington State RV insignias. These insignias are required to sell an RV in the state of Washington.

From 2021 and throughout 2022, the RV industry experienced significant delays in RV plan reviews because of staffing issues at the Department of Labor and Industries, Factory Assembled Structures Division. These issues created a massive backlog of RV plans, which caused significant delays and disruption in commerce. We have been notified this backlog has been addressed, and we thank the department for completing that immense task.

HB 1514 will ensure RV industry commerce can continue if issues ever arise with the RV plan approval process in the future which is not the fault of the RV industry.

Once again, I ask this committee to support HB 1514 throughout the legislative process, as it would ensure RV industry commerce would continue in the future and help move Washington state dealers closer to their out-of-state competitors.

Sincerely,

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