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Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the record my name is Debbie Alke, Administrator, MDT Aeronautics Division. Thank you Rep. Keane.

MDT supports HB 126 to repeal the requirement that MDT set liability insurance rates for commercial air operators.

This is a very old statute that was enacted in 1967 and presently MDT has no regulatory authority over commercial air operators flying in the state. Those activities are under the authority of the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

This legislation as mentioned is the result of a Legislative Audit recommendation that was performed in 2005.

I ask for your support of HB126 and am happy to answer any questions from the committee.

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