

HB 1676 -- SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS

SPONSOR: Redmon

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Standing Committee on Transportation by a vote of 8 to 0. Voted "Do Pass-Consent" by the Consent and House Procedure Committee by a vote of 7 to 3.

This bill requires school bus drivers who are 70 years of age or older to complete a CDL skills test and the driver's license exam on an annual basis in order to maintain their authority to drive buses.

This bill is the same as HCS HB 560 (2017).

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill does not modify any safety related standard. It removes detailed engineering and mechanical information from a test for bus drivers who are not allowed to do maintenance on school buses.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Redmon; Representative Rusty Black; Jason Hayden; and Donald Fowler.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.