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Smith. (Read title.) The bill was introduced on January 17, referred to the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BROMM: Senator Smith, you're recognized to open on LB 500.

SENATOR SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I'll try to be as brief as possible. LB 500 adopts the County Highway and City, Street Superintendents Act. The bill creates a second level of optional licensing for county highway superintendents and city street superintendents, called a Class A license. Current license holders designated as Class B licenses could apply for a Class A license upon a showing of experience as a highway or street superintendent or comparable work experience. A Class A license may be renewed after of 20 hours of professional development. Cities and counties that employ street or highway superintendents holding a Class A license would receive double incentive payments. And basically, double incentive payments does not mean a net increase of expense, but merely the amount of dollars currently going to that category would be separated to give greater incentive for the Class A license rather than the Class B. There are formulas involved relating on the size of counties and the population and what the payments would be. But those are funded a lot through the license fees that are associated. With that, I would take questions. And I would urge the adopt...or the advancement of LB 500. Thank you.

SPEAKER BROMM: Thank you, Senator Smith. Members, we are open for debate on LB 500. Are there any members that wish to address the bill? Seeing none, Senator Smith, you're recognized to close. He indicates that he waives closing. The question then before us is the advancement of LB 500 to E & R Initial. All in favor please vote aye, and opposed nay. Please record.

CLERK: 29 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of LB 500.

SPEAKER BROMM: LB 500 does advance. Mr. Clerk, items for the record.