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Lobbying Report

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OBU-006 “Senior Driver Assessment”

Senate Bill OBU-006 refers to driving. Upon searching for a bill that I could argue for or against, I stumbled across this bill, and it stood out. I am fully proponent for this bill as it sets a requirement for any individual aged 60 years and older where they must undergo an eye exam by a licensed doctor, and they must successfully complete a driver’s license examination given by the Department of Public Safety in order to keep their driving privileges. When they are required to complete these certain guidelines and requirements, it not only keeps the roads safe, but it keeps the other drivers safe as well. As of 2025, 10.5% of car crashes are caused by senior citizens over the age of 60. That is a higher number than it should be, so I am for the requirements set forth by this bill.

As I stated in the previous proponent argument, I am here to give reasons why this bill should not pass. My main concern is the cost of taking tests. The tests cost anywhere from 20 to 25 dollars per test, and there is a little over eight hundred thousand senior citizens in the state of Oklahoma aging from 60-65, meaning it would cost a little over \$22.2 million dollars. That is a high expense that the state is required to cover. While these tests would be helpful in reducing the car crash rate and ensuring that certain senior citizens are able to drive, it is too expensive for the state to require.

In conclusion, I am for the proponency of this bill as it keeps the roadways safe, ensures that the older people behind the wheel are safe to drive, and it reduces the risk of fatal car crashes. The reason that someone could be against this bill is the cost. Overall, I feel that the cons do not outweigh the pros, so for that reason I urge every one of you to vote YES for this bill if you want to keep other people and yourself safe while driving.