



REPRESENTATIVE CATHY MUÑOZ

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Carl Gatto
Judiciary Chair

CC: Sarah Munson
Committee Aide

FROM: Representative Cathy Muñoz

DATE: March 9, 2011

RE: Explanation of Changes to CS for HB22 (TRA)

The House Transportation Committee adopted an amendment to HB22 which would prohibit the use of cell phones for individuals under the age of 18 (including prohibiting the use of hands-free devices and a speaker function). Committee members stated teen drivers are more at risk for causing a collision due to their inexperience of driving - this has also been sighted in numerous studies. For those 18 years of age and over the use of a hands-free device is still permitted while operating a motor vehicle to accommodate commercial drivers, tour operators and other to allow flexibility.