

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

HB 732

2026 Regular Session

Owen

May 29, 2026

To the Honorable Speaker and Members of the House of Representatives and the Honorable President and Members of the Senate.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We, the conferees appointed to confer over the disagreement between the two houses concerning House Bill No. 732 by Representative Owen, recommend the following concerning the Reengrossed bill:

1. That Senate Committee Amendments Nos. 1, 2, and 3 by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works (#2492) be adopted.
2. That Senate Committee Amendment No. 4 by the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works (#2492) be rejected.
3. That the set of Senate Floor Amendments by Senator Foil (#3616) be adopted.
4. That Senate Floor Amendment No. 1 by Senator Reese (#4200) be rejected.
5. That the following amendment to the Reengrossed bill be adopted:

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 2, between lines 2 and 3, insert the following:

"F. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided for in R.S. 32:461(A)(2) is hereby suspended for non-plugin hybrids until August 1, 2027. Failure by any person to pay such fee shall not be considered debt that may be collected pursuant to this Section or any other applicable collection authority."

Respectfully submitted,

Representative Charles Anthony Owen

Senator Mike Reese

Representative Ryan Bourriaque

Senator Franklin J. Foil

Representative Barbara Reich Freiberg

Senator W. Jay Luneau

 DIGEST

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Keyword and oneliner of the instrument as it left the House

MTR VEHICLE/OFFICE: Provides for a temporary waiver of fees for final delinquent debt based on special circumstances

Report adopts Senate amendments to:

1. Change the emergency authority of the commissioner from temporarily waiving to temporarily suspending any fine, fee, penalty, or license suspension appearing on a person's driving record.
2. Remove the provision granting the commissioner full authority to reduce or eliminate any obligation provided for in proposed law.
3. Provide for technical changes.

Report rejects Senate amendments which would have:

1. Added a proposed law provision suspending the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided for in present law (R.S. 32:461(A)(2)) until August 1, 2027 and provided that failure to pay such fee would not be considered debt collectible under proposed law or any other applicable collection authority.
2. Limited the suspension of the hybrid vehicle road usage fee to Mild Hybrid (MHEV) and 48V Hybrid models.

Report amends the bill to:

1. Add a proposed law provision suspending the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided for in present law (R.S. 32:461(A)(2)) until August 1, 2027 for non-plugin hybrids and to provide that failure to pay such fee cannot be considered debt that may be collected pursuant to proposed law or any other applicable collection authority.

Digest of the bill as proposed by the Conference Committee

Present law (R.S. 32:8) allows the office of motor vehicles (OMV) to refer debts that are past due 180 days and final for collection through the office of debt recovery, while notifying debtors of payment options and possible fees. Authorizes the OMV to adopt rules for referrals and, through the commissioner, compromise or settle debts to reduce collection costs.

Proposed law retains present law but grants the commissioner of the OMV, or his designee, emergency authority to temporarily suspend or place on hold, fees, penalties, or license suspensions for up to 30 days to allow access to life-sustaining medicine or medical treatment, with documentation from a healthcare provider.

Proposed law defines "commissioner" as the commissioner of the OMV for purposes of proposed law.

Proposed law suspends the hybrid vehicle road usage fee provided for in present law (R.S. 32:461(A)(2)) until Aug. 1, 2027 for non-plugin hybrids and provides that failure to pay such fee cannot be considered debt that may be collected pursuant to proposed law or any other applicable collection authority.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 32:8(E) and (F))