Department of Planning and Budget
2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number:** HB2102

House of Origin	☒	Introduced	☐	Substitute	☐ Engrossed
Second House	☐	In Committee	☐	Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. **Patron:** Wampler

3. **Committee:** Transportation

4. **Title:** Special license plates; SPEARHEAD TRAILS.

5. **Summary:** This bill authorizes the issuance of revenue-sharing special license plates for supporters of the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority bearing the legend SPEARHEAD TRAILS. The bill exempts these special license plates from the requirement to obtain 450 prepaid applications for such plate.

6. **Budget Amendment Necessary**: No.

7. **Fiscal Impact Estimates:** Preliminary. See Item 8.

8. **Fiscal Implications:** The authorization and issuance of special plates is normally based on the ability of the plate's sponsors to collect and submit at least 450 prepaid applications. Special plates series normally must also meet a minimum active plate threshold five or more years after the original issuance, for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to remain authorized to issue the series. However, this bill authorizes the agency to issue a new special plate series, while providing this series an exemption from the minimum active plate threshold and the 450 prepaid application requirement.

   This legislation requires $15 to be paid annually to the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority for each $25 fee collected in excess of 1,000 registration renewal and initial registration fees. The bill provides that the fees will be used to support the operation of the Southwest Regional Recreation Area. The remaining fees will be set aside for DMV's use.

   DMV generally uses the money generated by the statutorily required 450 prepaid applications to offset the initial costs of production and materials for the issuance of a new special plate series. The requirement serves to ensure there is sufficient interest in the plates to support their development. By exempting a plate series from this requirement, DMV will be required to absorb the initial issuance costs, which may take several years to recoup depending on plate sales.

   In order to implement the bill, the agency will incur programming costs estimated at $ 5,273. The 73 staff hours required can be accomplished during the normal work schedules for DMV employees, given current workloads. DMV would be able to absorb this costs within its existing resources.

9. **Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Department of Motor Vehicles.

10. **Technical Amendment Necessary:** No.

11. **Other Comments:** None.