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(Neb.)-Mixed Feelings Regarding Testing Of Drivers Over 80



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GRAND ISLAND, Neb. (AP) - Many Nebraska drivers like the idea of requiring a cognitive test for drivers over 80-years-old.

Scottsbluff Sen. John Harms has proposed a bill suggesting the new tests be imposed as a way to promote safety.

The idea appears popular even though some oppose it.

Janet Roberts, who is 70-year-old herself, says she'd even support testing for drivers her age.

Paul Swanson says he's nearly 80, and he is sure of his driving abilities. Swanson says older drivers are usually more careful than many young drivers.

Grand Island driver Jennifer Haas says she thinks it would be a good idea because medication the elderly take could have side effects that affect judgment.

A hearing will be held Tuesday on the bill that would affect about 60,000 Nebraskans.