

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original Updated Corrected Supplemental

LRB Number 05-3402/1	Introduction Number AB-678
Subject	
Changes to raw forest products fruits and vegetables overweight vehicle permit; creating surcharge; requiring raw forest products transporters to keep records	
Fiscal Effect	
State:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
Local:	
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate	
1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input type="checkbox"/> Towns <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input type="checkbox"/> Cities <input type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
Fund Sources Affected	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEGS 20.395 (3)(eq)	
Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations	
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Fiscal Estimate Narratives
DOT 10/7/2005

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The bill expands exceptions allowed through permits to the statutory weight limits on public roadways. The expansion adds "intermediary lumber" to the raw forest products exception. No statutory definition is provided, nor is a common usage definition available for intermediary lumber. It is assumed to include only raw forest products that have been cut to dimensional lumber without any other treating or processing. It is further assumed the amount of this type of freight within Wisconsin is significant and represents a substantial increase in the number of loads transported in excess of statutory weight limits.

It is assumed weights in excess of statutory limits disproportionately increase the damage to roads and bridges, increasing public costs to construct, operate, and maintain those roads and bridges. While this bill proposes to increase the number of axles for vehicles operating under this exception as a means of mitigating a portion of the additional damage to roads and bridges, the axle spacings allowed under the bill do not meet the requirements of the federal formula used to determine whether the load is effectively spread over the axles used. It is assumed the additional weights will result in greater damage to roadways and bridges.

The bill provides a mechanism to allow prosecutors to use mandatory records retained by truckers. This approach is significantly different than the approach used in Minnesota. It is assumed this mechanism will have no significant deterrent effect on those operators choosing to operate in excess of legal or permitted weight limitations. The lack of an effective method of improving compliance is assumed to increase the existing concern over substantial damages caused by operators ignoring the weight limits in order to gain financially since the relatively small risk of being penalized for operating over weight. It is further assumed the increased weight allowance and the additional axle will encourage both heavier and perhaps more illegal loads.

The Department is soliciting information in order to complete a highway impact study for this bill within the time-frame allowed in 13.096(2) Wis. Stats. We believe it will confirm our assumption of increased costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

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Fiscal Estimate Worksheet - 2005 Session

Detailed Estimate of Annual Fiscal Effect

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I. One-time Costs or Revenue Impacts for State and/or Local Government (do not include in annualized fiscal effect):	
Fiscal impacts are unknown at this time. The Department is soliciting information in order to complete a highway impact study for this bill within the time frame allowed in 13.096(2) Wis. Stats. We believe it will confirm our assumption of increased costs.	
II. Annualized Costs:	Annualized Fiscal Impact on funds from:
	Increased Costs Decreased Costs
A. State Costs by Category	
State Operations - Salaries and Fringes	\$
(FTE Position Changes)	
State Operations - Other Costs	
Local Assistance	
Aids to Individuals or Organizations	
TOTAL State Costs by Category	\$
B. State Costs by Source of Funds	
GPR	
FED	
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
III. State Revenues - Complete this only when proposal will increase or decrease state revenues (e.g., tax increase, decrease in license fee, ets.)	
	Increased Rev
	Decreased Rev
GPR Taxes	\$
GPR Earned	
FED	
PRO/PRS	
SEG/SEG-S	
TOTAL State Revenues	\$
NET ANNUALIZED FISCAL IMPACT	
	State
	Local
NET CHANGE IN COSTS	\$
NET CHANGE IN REVENUE	\$

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