

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-3441/1	Introduction Number	AB-0501	Estimate Type	Original
Description Seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting manure					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Since the bill concerns an exception to the vehicle weight limits specified in Wis. St. 348, the Department of Transportation will prepare a report on the impacts of the proposed legislation as required by Wis. St. 13.096. The fiscal estimate is indeterminate until the report has been completed.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The bill extends the exception to portions of Interstate 39, which could result in a loss of 10% of federal highway money. When USH 51 was designated Interstate Highway 39, federal law allowed Wisconsin to retain vehicle weight limits already in effect when the highway was designated an interstate highway, rather than applying the vehicle weight limits that ordinarily apply to interstate highways. This bill creates a new weight limit exemption for I-39 that is not authorized by federal law. This could result in lost federal highway revenues.

Additional transport at higher weights is expected and could accelerate deterioration on state and local roads and bridges. The required weight study will provide more detailed data on the expected impacts from the proposed legislation.