## Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

☑ Original ☐ Updated	Corrected	Supplemental		
LRB Number <b>15-3210/2</b>	Introduction Number	SB-509		
<b>Description</b> Seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops				
Fiscal Effect				
Appropriations Reve	rease Existing to absorb	Costs - May be possible within agency's budget es No		
Permissive Mandatory Perm	5.Types of Lo Government Affected Mandatory rease Revenue nissive Mandatory Mandatory District	nt Units  ☑Village ☑Cities es ☑Others ☑WTCS		
Fund Sources Affected  Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations  GPR FED PRO PRS SEG SEGS				
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Description				
Seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops				

## **Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate**

Under current law, unless an exception applies, no person may operate on a highway, without a permit, any vehicle or vehicle combinations that exceeds certain statutory size or weight limits. Under one exception, certain vehicles or vehicle combinations transporting agricultural crops may, without a permit, exceed weight limits by up to 15 percent from September 1 to December 31 of each year on any non-Interstate highway, except for certain specified segments of I-39 and I-41. This exception covers the transportation of corn, soybeans, potatoes, vegetables, and cranberries from the field to storage on the grower's owned/leased land, from the field to initial storage at a location not owned/leased by the grower, or from the field to initial processing.

Under this bill, the annual beginning date for this exception is extended by 31 days, from September 1 to August 1. The increase to the number of loads transported at the higher weights under this exception, as a result of this bill, cannot be determined at this time. The additional stresses on existing bridges and pavement generated by this bill may diminish the service life or accelerate the deterioration of this infrastructure. However, the exact number of vehicles, including their weight and axle spacing, that will be transporting loads at the higher weights, under this exception during the month of August, is unknown.

Also, because this bill concerns an exception to the existing statutory weight limits, the Department will prepare a report, as required by law. The Department estimates that it will take approximately 50 hours of staff time to prepare the required report; resulting in additional administrative costs for DOT of approximately \$1,250.

## **Long-Range Fiscal Implications**

Indeterminate.