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The attached draft is prepared according to the suggested language provided, with minor changes.

I recommend modifying the language in created s. 348.15 (3) (bt) to refer to a vehicle "transporting" rather than a vehicle "used primarily for the transportation of ....," which would track the language used in s. 348.15 (3) (bg) and (br). While s. 348.15 (3) (bv) uses language similar to this bill, a vehicle used for hauling septage is a fairly specialized vehicle, unlikely to be used for hauling very many other loads. However, many vehicles could be used to haul road building and maintenance materials. The attached draft could be construed rather broadly to allow a vehicle or combination of vehicles to frequently exceed existing weight limits while hauling loads other than road machinery and maintenance materials, since authority to exceed the weight limits is tied to the vehicle and not to the actual transportation of the road building and maintenance materials.

I note that road machinery, as defined in s. 340.01 (52), is already exempt from weight limits when engaged in construction or maintenance of a highway. See s. 348.02 (4).

If the attached draft meets with your approval, please let me know and I will convert it to an introducible "/1" draft.

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