

Fiscal Estimate - 2005 Session

Original
 Updated
 Corrected
 Supplemental

LRB Number 05-2527/2	Introduction Number AB-510
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Subject
 Weight limitations on vehicles transporting agricultural crops

Fiscal Effect

State:

- No State Fiscal Effect
- Indeterminate
 - Increase Existing Appropriations
 - Decrease Existing Appropriations
 - Create New Appropriations
- Increase Existing Revenues
- Decrease Existing Revenues
- Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget
 - Yes No
- Decrease Costs

Local:

- No Local Government Costs
- Indeterminate
- 1. Increase Costs 3. Increase Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 2. Decrease Costs 4. Decrease Revenue
 - Permissive Mandatory
- 5. Types of Local Government Units Affected
 - Towns Village Cities
 - Counties Others
 - School Districts WTCS Districts

Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

The impact of this bill is assumed to be essentially the same as the effect of declaring "agricultural emergencies" on a regular basis over the last many years. Those emergencies have also provided for exceeding the weight standards without requiring permits. No information is available to support an analysis of whether there will be a differential impact from this bill as contrasted to the well established practice of declaring emergencies to exist.

This bill is assumed to have no impact on the demand or use of other permits for fruits and vegetables.

It is assumed that this bill simply replaces an existing special permission for exceeding weight limits, and therefore, would be accepted by the Federal Highway Administration despite its impact on the portion of I-39 north of I-90/94. We will seek further assurances from FHWA and update this estimate should our assumption be incorrect.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No change from current practice, but continues the practice of providing special consideration for certain loads, which are not allowed universally. Heavier loads generally have more impact on pavements and special consideration for certain types of loads, when there is no difference in the impact of that load on the infrastructure, raises questions of equity that are dealt with in the long term.