

## 2007 DRAFTING REQUEST

### Bill

Received: 02/07/2007

Received By: bbalinsk

Wanted: 03/13/2007

Identical to LRB:

For: Legislative Council - JLC 266-9280

By/Representing: Mark Patronsky

This file may be shown to any legislator: NO

Drafter: bbalinsk

May Contact:

Addl. Drafters:

Subject: Transportation - highways

Extra Copies: ARG

Submit via email: YES

Requester's email: Mark.Patronsky@legis.wisconsin.gov

Carbon copy (CC:) to:

---

### Pre Topic:

No specific pre topic given

---

### Topic:

Study of limits for truck size and weight.

---

### Instructions:

See Attached

---

### Drafting History:

<u>Vers.</u>	<u>Drafted</u>	<u>Reviewed</u>	<u>Typed</u>	<u>Proofed</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Jacketed</u>	<u>Required</u>
/P1	bbalinsk 02/27/2007	kfollett 02/28/2007	rschluet 02/28/2007	_____	sbasford 02/28/2007		
/1	bbalinsk 03/05/2007	kfollett 03/06/2007	pgreensl 03/06/2007	_____	cduerst 03/06/2007	sbasford 03/27/2007	

FE Sent For:

*None*

<END>

2007 DRAFTING REQUEST

Bill

Received: 02/07/2007

Received By: bbalinsk

Wanted: 03/13/2007

Identical to LRB:

For: Legislative Council - JLC 266-9280

By/Representing: Mark Patronsky

This file may be shown to any legislator: NO

Drafter: bbalinsk

May Contact:

Addl. Drafters:

Subject: Transportation - highways

Extra Copies: ARG

Submit via email: YES

Requester's email: Mark.Patronsky@legis.wisconsin.gov

Carbon copy (CC:) to:

Pre Topic:

No specific pre topic given

Topic:

Study of limits for truck size and weight.

Instructions:

See Attached

Drafting History:

<u>Vers.</u>	<u>Drafted</u>	<u>Reviewed</u>	<u>Typed</u>	<u>Proofed</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Jacketed</u>	<u>Required</u>
/P1	bbalinsk 02/27/2007	kfollett 02/28/2007	rschluet 02/28/2007	_____	sbasford 02/28/2007		
/1	bbalinsk 03/05/2007	kfollett 03/06/2007	pgreensl 03/06/2007	_____	cduerst 03/06/2007		

FE Sent For:

<END>

## 2007 DRAFTING REQUEST

### Bill

Received: 02/07/2007

Received By: bbalinsk

Wanted: 03/13/2007

Identical to LRB:

For: Legislative Council - JLC 266-9280

By/Representing: Mark Patronsky

This file may be shown to any legislator: NO

Drafter: bbalinsk

May Contact:

Addl. Drafters:

Subject: Transportation - highways

Extra Copies: ARG

Submit via email: YES

Requester's email: Mark.Patronsky@legis.wisconsin.gov

Carbon copy (CC:) to:

---

### Pre Topic:

No specific pre topic given

---

### Topic:

Study of limits for truck size and weight.

---

### Instructions:

See Attached

---

### Drafting History:

<u>Vers.</u>	<u>Drafted</u>	<u>Reviewed</u>	<u>Typed</u>	<u>Proofed</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Jacketed</u>	<u>Required</u>
/P1	bbalinsk 02/27/2007	kfollett 02/28/2007	rschluet 02/28/2007	<u>          </u> 3/6	sbasford 02/28/2007	Please jacket	

FE Sent For:

11/CF  
3/6

3/6  
P8

<END>

**2007 DRAFTING REQUEST**

**Bill**

Received: 02/07/2007

Received By: bbalinsk

Wanted: 03/13/2007

Identical to LRB:

For: Legislative Council - JLC 266-9280

By/Representing: Mark Patronsky

This file may be shown to any legislator: NO

Drafter: bbalinsk

May Contact:

Addl. Drafters:

Subject: Transportation - highways

Extra Copies: ARG

Submit via email: YES

Requester's email: Mark.<sup>a</sup>Patronsky@legis.wisconsin.gov

Carbon copy (CC:) to:

---

**Pre Topic:**

No specific pre topic given

---

**Topic:**

Study of limits for truck size and weight.

---

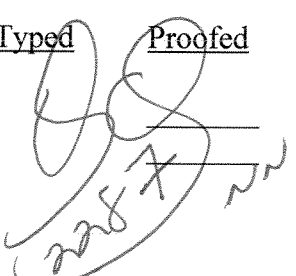
**Instructions:**

See Attached

---

**Drafting History:**

<u>Vers.</u>	<u>Drafted</u>	<u>Reviewed</u>	<u>Typed</u>	<u>Proofed</u>	<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Jacketed</u>	<u>Required</u>
--------------	----------------	-----------------	--------------	----------------	------------------	-----------------	-----------------

/P1	bbalinsk	IP1/kif 2/28					
-----	----------	-----------------	---	--	--	--	--

FE Sent For:

<END>

1     **AN ACT relating to:** requiring the department of transportation to study Wisconsin  
 2           truck size and weight limits.

*The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:*

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This bill draft was prepared for the special committee on highway weight limits. The study committee was created by the joint legislative council in response to the mandate of 2005 Wisconsin Act 167 which provides as follows:

“The joint legislative council shall conduct a comprehensive study to review the system of motor vehicle weight limits on the state’s highways and bridges. The study shall include the issues and interrelationships between economic impacts, truck configurations, expected compliance levels and enforcement constraints, and impacts on the public infrastructure, operational, and safety issues. The joint legislative council shall convene a committee to conduct the study, and representatives of local government, the department of transportation, the trucking industry, the raw forest products industry, and agricultural producers shall be invited to serve on the committee....”.

Early in its work, the special committee was informed of the recent completion of a study of truck size and weight limits in Minnesota. The final report of this study was published in June 2006 in a report entitled “Minnesota Truck Size and Weight Project”. The report was prepared by consultants for the Minnesota department of transportation, although the department provided leadership for the study. The study was comprehensive and included participation by, and input from, a substantial number of public and private stakeholders. In the study, Minnesota assessed changes to the truck size and weight limit laws that would strike a balance between: (1) benefits to the Minnesota economy resulting from appropriate size and weight limits; and (2) continuing public safety and protection of state roads and bridges.

The special committee noted many similarities between issues considered in the Minnesota study and issues that were suggested to the special committee for consideration. The special committee believes that there would be substantial value in conducting a similar study in Wisconsin. The Minnesota study identified a number of truck axle and weight configurations, changes in the seasonal weight limits, and other

policy modifications that would have a positive cost-benefit ratio when comparing costs of protecting the highway infrastructure and ensuring public safety to the benefits to the state's economy of reducing the costs of trucking by allowing heavier loads. The committee determined that if similar findings were made in a Wisconsin study, statutory and policy changes could be based on those findings and would result in a net benefit to the Wisconsin economy while taking into consideration the effects on the infrastructure and safety of state and local highways, roads, and bridges.

The special committee also determined that the broad scope of such a study would require significant expertise, time, and resources, and would be beyond the capabilities of the committee. Therefore, the special committee recommends that the department of transportation be directed to contract for a study of the benefits and costs of the Wisconsin truck size and weight limit laws to identify changes in those laws that would have a net benefit to Wisconsin's economy, when considering the costs of protecting highway infrastructure and safety, and the benefits that would result from reducing the cost of truck transportation.

1           **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions. (1) DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

2           (a) The department of transportation shall contract for a study of Wisconsin's truck size  
3           and weight limit laws, to identify changes in those laws that would have a net benefit to  
4           Wisconsin's economy, when considering the costs of protecting highway infrastructure and  
5           safety, and the benefits that would result from reducing the cost of truck transportation.

6           (b) The consultant that undertakes the study under this section shall review those  
7           vehicle configurations, changes in seasonal restrictions, and other policy issues that were  
8           found to have a net benefit in the cost-benefit analysis in the Minnesota truck size and weight  
9           project final report that was issued in June 2006.

10          (c) The department of transportation shall appoint an advisory committee under section  
11          227.13 of the statutes to assist in the review and report required under this section. The  
12          advisory committee shall include representation from the department of commerce and local  
13          governmental units, trucking companies, industries and small businesses that depend on truck  
14          transport, enforcement agencies, and other groups and individuals that are interested in and

1 knowledgeable about truck size and weight limits. The department of transportation shall  
2 allow all advisory committee members to present written commentary on or dissenting views  
3 from the report and shall incorporate that commentary and any dissents into the final report.

4 (d) The consultant that undertakes the study under this section shall prepare a report  
5 on the results of its study. The department of transportation shall submit the report to the  
6 legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the statutes, no later than  
7 January 1, 2009.

8 (END)



State of Wisconsin  
2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

LRB-1866/P1

BAB: *[Handwritten initials]*  
*[Handwritten initials]*

*CPS: Fix request sheet pls.*

PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

*FN 2/27/07*

*NEED BY 3/2/07*

*D-NOTE*

*Gen*

1 AN ACT ...; relating to: requiring the department of transportation to study  
2 vehicle size and weight limits.

*anal: jlcnote*  
*↳*

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

This bill is explained in the Notes provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill draft was prepared for the special committee on highway weight limits. The study committee was created by the joint legislative council in response to the mandate of 2005 Wisconsin Act 167 which provides as follows:

"The joint legislative council shall conduct a comprehensive study to review the system of motor vehicle weight limits on the state's highways and bridges. The study shall include the issues and interrelationships between economic impacts, truck configurations, expected compliance levels and enforcement constraints, and impacts on the public infrastructure, operational, and safety issues. The joint legislative council shall convene a committee to conduct the study, and representatives of local government, the department of transportation, the trucking industry, the raw forest products industry, and agricultural producers shall be invited to serve on the committee..."

*X*  
*X*

Early in its work, the special committee was informed of the recent completion of a study of truck size and weight limits in Minnesota. The final report of this study was published in June 2006 in a report entitled "Minnesota Truck Size and Weight Project". The report was prepared by consultants for the Minnesota department of transportation, although the department provided leadership for the study. The study was comprehensive and included participation by, and input from, a substantial number of public and private stakeholders. In the study, Minnesota assessed changes to the truck size and weight limit laws that would strike a balance between: (1) benefits to the



Minnesota economy resulting from appropriate size and weight limits; and (2) continuing public safety and protection of state roads and bridges.

The special committee noted many similarities between issues considered in the Minnesota study and issues that were suggested to the special committee for consideration. The special committee believes that there would be substantial value in conducting a similar study in Wisconsin. The Minnesota study identified a number of truck axle and weight configurations, changes in the seasonal weight limits, and other policy modifications that would have a positive cost-benefit ratio when comparing costs of protecting the highway infrastructure and ensuring public safety to the benefits to the state's economy of reducing the costs of trucking by allowing heavier loads. The committee determined that if similar findings were made in a Wisconsin study, statutory and policy changes could be based on those findings and would result in a net benefit to the Wisconsin economy while taking into consideration the effects on the infrastructure and safety of state and local highways, roads, and bridges.

The special committee also determined that the broad scope of such a study would require significant expertise, time, and resources, and would be beyond the capabilities of the committee. Therefore, the special committee recommends that the department of transportation be directed to contract for a study of the benefits and costs of the Wisconsin truck size and weight limit laws to identify changes in those laws that would have a net benefit to Wisconsin's economy, when considering the costs of protecting highway infrastructure and safety, and the benefits that would result from reducing the cost of truck transportation.

1           **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) The department of transportation shall contract for a study of Wisconsin's  
3 truck size and weight limit laws, to identify changes in those laws that would have  
4 a net benefit to Wisconsin's economy, when considering the costs of protecting  
5 highway infrastructure and safety, and the benefits that would result from reducing  
6 the cost of truck transportation.

7           (2) The consultant that undertakes the study under this section shall review  
8 those vehicle configurations, changes in seasonal restrictions, and other policy issues  
9 that were found to have a net benefit in the cost-benefit analysis in the Minnesota  
10 ~~Truck Size and Weight Project~~ final report that was issued in June 2006.

11           (3) The department of transportation shall appoint an advisory committee  
12 under section 227.13 of the statutes to assist in the review and report required under  
13 this section. The advisory committee shall include representation from the  
14 department of commerce and local governmental units, trucking companies,

1 industries and small businesses that depend on truck transport, enforcement  
2 agencies, and other groups and individuals that are interested in and knowledgeable  
3 about truck size and weight limits. All advisory committee members may present  
4 written commentary on or dissenting views from the report and the department of  
5 transportation shall incorporate that commentary and any dissents into the final  
6 report.

7 (4) The consultant that undertakes the study under this section shall prepare ✓  
8 a report on the results of its study. The department of transportation shall submit  
9 the report to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) ✓ of the  
10 statutes, no later than January 1, 2009.

11 (END)

A-NOTE

**DRAFTER'S NOTE  
FROM THE  
LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-1866/P1dn  
BAB: 1/6/07

*Date*

X ATTN: Mark Petronsky <sup>a</sup>

The attached draft has been prepared in preliminary form. Please review the draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. I note that the draft requires DOT to hire a consultant to perform the study but does not specify from which funds that consultant is to be paid. Do you want to specify a particular appropriation to fund that study?

X The draft currently requires the study to examine the configurations, restrictions, and policy issues that the June 2006 Minnesota Truck Size and Weight Project report identified as having a net benefit. There may be other issues addressed in that report that did not necessarily have a net benefit in Minnesota but which might have a different outcome in Wisconsin. Do you want to have the consultant review the entire Minnesota study? ↓

The draft requires DOT to create an advisory committee to assist in the review and creation of the truck size and weight study report but does not specify how many people are to serve on the committee. Do you wish to set forth how many members the committee will have?

Brett A. Balinsky  
Legislative Attorney  
Phone: (608) 267-7380  
E-mail: [brett.balinsky@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:brett.balinsky@legis.wisconsin.gov)

**DRAFTER'S NOTE**  
**FROM THE**  
**LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU**

LRB-1866/P1dn  
BAB:kjf:rs

February 28, 2007

ATTN: Mark Patronsky

The attached draft has been prepared in preliminary form. Please review the draft carefully to ensure that it is consistent with your intent. I note that the draft requires DOT to hire a consultant to perform the study but does not specify from which funds that consultant is to be paid. Do you want to specify a particular appropriation to fund that study?

The draft currently requires the study to examine the configurations, restrictions, and policy issues that the June 2006 Minnesota Truck Size and Weight Project report identified as having a net benefit. There may be other issues addressed in that report that did not necessarily have a net benefit in Minnesota but which might have a different outcome in Wisconsin. Do you want to have the consultant review the entire Minnesota study?

The draft requires DOT to create an advisory committee to assist in the review and creation of the truck size and weight study report but does not specify how many people are to serve on the committee. Do you wish to set forth how many members the committee will have?

Brett A. Balinsky  
Legislative Attorney  
Phone: (608) 267-7380  
E-mail: [brett.balinsky@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:brett.balinsky@legis.wisconsin.gov)



State of Wisconsin  
2007 - 2008 LEGISLATURE

11  
LRB-1866/P1

BAB:kjf:rs

RMR

~~PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION~~

IN 3/5/07  
Need by 3/6/07

*Reger*

- 1 **AN ACT relating to:** requiring the Department of Transportation to study vehicle  
2 size and weight limits.

---

***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in the bill.

---

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill was prepared for the special committee on highway weight limits. The study committee was created by the joint legislative council in response to the mandate of 2005 Wisconsin Act 167 which provides as follows:

“The joint legislative council shall conduct a comprehensive study to review the system of motor vehicle weight limits on the state’s highways and bridges. The study shall include the issues and interrelationships between economic impacts, truck configurations, expected compliance levels and enforcement constraints, and impacts on the public infrastructure, operational, and safety issues. The joint legislative council shall convene a committee to conduct the study, and representatives of local government, the department of transportation, the trucking industry, the raw forest products industry, and agricultural producers shall be invited to serve on the committee....”

Early in its work, the special committee was informed of the recent completion of a study of truck size and weight limits in Minnesota. The final report of this study was published in June 2006 in a report entitled “Minnesota Truck Size and Weight Project.” The report was prepared by consultants for the Minnesota department of transportation, although the department provided leadership for the study. The study was comprehensive and included participation by, and input from, a substantial number of public and private stakeholders. In the study, Minnesota assessed changes to the truck

size and weight limit laws that would strike a balance between: (1) benefits to the Minnesota economy resulting from appropriate size and weight limits; and (2) continuing public safety and protection of state roads and bridges.

The special committee noted many similarities between issues considered in the Minnesota study and issues that were suggested to the special committee for consideration. The special committee believes that there would be substantial value in conducting a similar study in Wisconsin. The Minnesota study identified a number of truck axle and weight configurations, changes in the seasonal weight limits, and other policy modifications that would have a positive cost-benefit ratio when comparing costs of protecting the highway infrastructure and ensuring public safety to the benefits to the state's economy of reducing the costs of trucking by allowing heavier loads. The committee determined that if similar findings were made in a Wisconsin study, statutory and policy changes could be based on those findings and would result in a net benefit to the Wisconsin economy while taking into consideration the effects on the infrastructure and safety of state and local highways, roads, and bridges.

The special committee also determined that the broad scope of such a study would require significant expertise, time, and resources, and would be beyond the capabilities of the committee. Therefore, the special committee recommends that the department of transportation be directed to contract for a study of the benefits and costs of the Wisconsin truck size and weight limit laws to identify changes in those laws that would have a net benefit to Wisconsin's economy, when considering the costs of protecting highway infrastructure and safety, and the benefits that would result from reducing the cost of truck transportation.

1           **SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.**

2           (1) The department of transportation shall contract for a study of Wisconsin's  
3 truck size and weight limit laws, to identify changes in those laws that would have  
4 a net benefit to Wisconsin's economy, when considering the costs of protecting  
5 highway infrastructure and safety, and the benefits that would result from reducing  
6 the cost of truck transportation.

7           (2) The consultant that undertakes the study under this section shall review  
8 those vehicle configurations, changes in seasonal restrictions, and other policy issues  
9 that were found to have a net benefit in the cost-benefit analysis in the Minnesota  
10 truck size and weight project final report that was issued in June 2006.

11           (3) The department of transportation shall appoint an advisory committee  
12 under section 227.13 of the statutes to assist in the review and report required under  
13 this section. The advisory committee shall include representation from the

1 department of commerce and local governmental units, trucking companies,  
2 industries and small businesses that depend on truck transport, enforcement  
3 agencies, and other groups and individuals that are interested in and knowledgeable  
4 about truck size and weight limits. All advisory committee members may present  
5 written commentary on or dissenting views from the report and the department of  
6 transportation shall incorporate that commentary and any dissents into the final  
7 report.

8 (4) The consultant that undertakes the study under this section shall prepare  
9 a report on the results of its study. The department of transportation shall submit  
10 the report to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (3) of the  
11 statutes, no later than January 1, 2009.

12

**(END)**

**Basford, Sarah**

---

**From:** Patronsky, Mark  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2007 2:34 PM  
**To:** LRB.Legal  
**Subject:** Draft Review: LRB 07-1866/1 Topic: Study of limits for truck size and weight.

Please Jacket LRB 07-1866/1 for the ASSEMBLY.