

Fiscal Estimate - 2015 Session

Original
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 Supplemental

LRB Number 15-4133/1	Introduction Number AB-0733
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Description
 Seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops

Fiscal Effect

State:

<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations <input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No </div> <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs
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Local:

<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	5. Types of Local Government Units Affected <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties <input type="checkbox"/> Others <input type="checkbox"/> School Districts <input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts
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Fund Sources Affected	Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS	

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Fiscal Estimate Narratives

DOT 1/20/2016

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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.