

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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Description weight limits for certain vehicles transporting maple sap or syrup		

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

WisDOT will incur no additional administrative costs for permitting because 348.15(3) exempts operators from the permit requirement if they comply with the prescribed weight limitations. However, because no permit is required, WisDOT cannot forecast the routes that will be used, frequency of travel, or number of vehicles. As such, the structural and financial impact to the infrastructure is unknown.

It is anticipated that maintaining authorities (counties, cities, villages and towns) may need to post existing structures (e.g. bridges and culverts) to provide specific maximum gross or axel weight limits if they have not yet. The cost of each sign for posting these limits is \$250 (\$50 for fabricating sign; \$200 for post and installation). This bill extends the special weight limits dairy vehicles have in Wisconsin, so many political subdivisions may already have fulfilled their signing requirements. At this time, the number of structures and segments that will require posting, as a result of this bill, cannot be determined.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications

The long range fiscal implications are indeterminate.