

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

The Department will not incur any additional administrative costs within our OSOW permit section because Wis. Stat. s. 348.15 (3) exempts operators from the permit requirement if they comply with the prescribed weight limitations. However, because no permit is required, the Department cannot forecast the routes that will be used, frequency of travel, or number of vehicles used. As such, the structural and financial impact to our state's infrastructure is unknown.

Maintaining authorities (counties, cities, villages and towns) may need to post existing structures (i.e., bridges and culverts) to provide specific maximum gross vehicle weight limits, if they have not yet posted them already. The cost to post each sign is \$250 (\$50 for fabrication + \$200 for post and installation). This bill extends the special weight limits that 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.