

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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This legislation establishes new processes and fees for local authorities (authorities) [defined as every county, highway district, municipal and other local board or body having authority over highways and streets] and the Idaho Transportation Department to designate routes and issue permits allowing vehicles with gross weights between 105,501 GVW and 129,000 GVW to access highways and streets under their jurisdiction.

Section 49-1004 A provides ITD with the legal authority to designate routes and issue permits for this category of vehicles with a revised fee schedule.

Section 49-1004B provides: (1) authorities with exclusive jurisdiction to designate routes and issue permits for vehicles to operate on their streets and highways with gross vehicle weights between 105,501 GVW and 129,000 pounds GVW; (2) a process for authorities to designate routes for such vehicles, including a timeframe for making such designations; (3) for the application of engineering standards for making such designations by authorities; (4) that authorities may charge technical evaluation fees not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per route for the evaluation of potential routes; (5) that authorities may issue permits with conditions for access by vehicles to the selected route or routes within thirty (30) days of application for a permit; (6) that authorities must develop a written record of the reasons why they denied a permit using the engineering standards referenced above; (7) for the opportunity for an applicant to have a public meeting before an authorities' governing authority on the denial of a permit application; (8) for the establishment of a new fund in the state treasury for the payment of costs incurred by authorities in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5000) for the technical analysis of the physical and safety impacts of allowing such vehicles to use the authorities' highways and streets, with such grants not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5000) and with conditions established by the ITD or its designee; (9) for an increase in the annual fee for obtaining a permit by five dollars (\$5), with that amount paid into the grant fund created by this legislation, and; (10) for a 2 year sunset clause.

FISCAL NOTE

The funding for technical analyses in this legislation comes exclusively from user fees paid by the operators of vehicles operating at 105,501 GVW to 129,000 GVW by: (1) a payment in an amount not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5000) per applicant for a route, and; (2) an increase of five dollars (\$5) for permit for access to a route that will generate \$150,000 annually, with that amount paid into the technical analysis fund for distribution by the Idaho Transportation Department or its designee.

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