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FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 4450-02
Bill No.: HCS for HB 1212
Subject: Motor Vehicles; Weights and Measures; Transportation
Type: Original
Date: February 21, 2012

Bill Summary: This proposal changes the laws regarding weight limitations for vehicles hauling livestock or agricultural products on state highways.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Road Fund	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)	(Unknown greater than \$100,000)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 5 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

- Estimated Total Net Effect on All funds expected to exceed \$100,000 savings or (cost).
- Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund expected to exceed \$100,000 (cost).

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Agriculture, Department of Revenue and Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol** each assume the proposal will have no fiscal impact on their respective organizations.

Officials from the **Department of Transportation (MoDOT)** assume the increase in allowable weights would result in increased damage to bridges. Additionally, it would reduce the life expectancy of some of the MoDOT's bridges. There is really no good way to quantify this issue in terms of dollar amount.

The increased allowable weights will result in an increase in the number of MoDOT's bridges requiring postings for legal loads. It is estimated that the number of MoDOT bridges requiring some type of posting would increase by 20%. Posting signs would have to be installed at these locations, so there would be a cost associated with this. An unknown number of existing postings signs would require updating.

Any impact from the collection of the \$25 permit fee is unknown. The department has no way of estimating how many permits will be sold. There will be a loss of approximately \$75,000 to the road fund due system changes to allow for the ability to issue these types of permits and to allow for tracking of mileage and routes traveled.

MoDOT assumes an annual cost relating to this proposal of more than \$100,000 to the Road Fund.

Oversight assumes the \$25 fee collected for trucks weighing more than 80,000 would be a minimal income to the Road Fund. Since it is unknown how many permits will be sold, for fiscal note purposes only, Oversight will estimate the income to the Road Fund as 'Unknown'.

This proposal may increase Total State Revenues.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
ROAD FUND			
<u>Income</u> - \$ 25 fee for trucks over 80,000 pounds	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
<u>Cost</u> - Department of Transportation increased maintenance, tracking for increased weight limits and signage	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON ROAD FUND	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Unknown greater than <u>\$100,000</u>)
 <u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>			
	FY 2013 (10 Mo.)	FY 2014	FY 2015
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

Small business associated with the livestock industry could be positively impacted by this proposal if it would result in a reduction in transportation costs, however, increased weight restrictions on bridges as well as wear and tear on the state's highway and bridge systems would have a negative impact on small business. Restricted load postings on bridges and increased maintenance work on highways could mean it would take longer for goods to be delivered to or picked up from a place of small business.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

Currently, the total gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles hauling livestock on U. S. Highway 36 from St. Joseph to U. S. Highway 65 and on U. S. Highway 65 from the Iowa state line to U. S. Highway 36 cannot exceed 85,500 pounds. This proposal removes the specified highways and applies this weight limitation to any vehicle hauling livestock or agricultural products except local log trucks on any highway of this state. The weight limits will not apply to vehicles operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

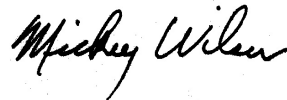
FISCAL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Any vehicle hauling greater than eighty thousand pounds under the provisions, shall apply yearly to the Department of Transportation for a permit and upon payment of a twenty-five dollar fee, the department shall grant the applicant a permit.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Transportation
Department of Revenue
Department of Agriculture
Department of Public Safety



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