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Subject: Permits for Ready-Mix Concrete Trucks	

TRANSPORTATION RE1 INCREASE SD EX See Note
Creates annual permits for ready-mix concrete trucks

Proposed law allows the Dept. of Transportation & Development to issue special permits for the operation of ready-mix concrete trucks on state-maintained highways and frontage roads. Proposed law applies to ready-mix concrete trucks with two axles and a gross weight not exceeding 69,000 lbs., three axles and a gross weight not exceeding 75,000 lbs., and four axles and a gross weight not exceeding 84,000 lbs. Proposed law establishes a \$1,500 permit fee for tandem axle ready-mix concrete trucks and a \$1,000 permit fee for tri- and quad-axle ready-mix concrete trucks. Proposed law directs the Dept. of Transportation & Development to develop a sticker to be placed in the front windshield of the vehicle above the inspection certificate. Proposed law defines "ready-mix concrete truck." Proposed law creates exception to present law for ready-mix concrete trucks holding a permit as outlined in proposed law. Proposed law sunsets on August 1, 2017.

EXPENDITURES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	INCREASE	INCREASE	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

REVENUES	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	5 -YEAR TOTAL
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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will increase expenditures for the Dept. of Transportation & Development (DOTD) by an indeterminable amount. The expenditures would be funded via the constitutionally dedicated Transportation Trust Fund. DOTD reports that allowing ready-mix concrete trucks to travel on existing transportation infrastructure would likely result in damage requiring repairs with associated expenses totaling an amount beyond revenues raised from the permit fees outlined in proposed law. The department reports that the smaller dimensions of the ready-mix concrete trucks relative to the higher weight restrictions outlined in the proposed legislation put greater weights on smaller areas of infrastructure, increasing the incidence of potential damage. Because the amount of damage that may result from ready-mix concrete trucks traveling on transportation infrastructure is unknown, the expenditure increase associated with infrastructure repair is indeterminable. However, a portion of the expenditures would be offset via revenues raised from \$1,500 permit fee included in proposed law. Furthermore, damage to infrastructure maintained by local governing authorities would not be eligible for repairs using funds from the TTF. To the extent damage occurs to locally-maintained infrastructure, repairs would require funding from another source.

DOTD also reports that provisions in proposed law stating that the department must generate permits and decals associated with ready-mix concrete trucks will increase expenditures by an indeterminable, but marginal amount. The expenditure increase is associated with updating DOTD's computer systems to reflect the ready-mix concrete truck permit fee schedule and generating permit decals for the trucks. The department reports that it will be able to fund these expenses utilizing existing resources and budget authority.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will have an indeterminable net impact on revenues for the constitutionally dedicated Transportation Trust Fund due to an increase of revenues associated with permit fees and a reduction in revenues associated with fewer penalties being levied on overweight concrete trucks. Because the gross revenues from both sources are currently unknown, the net impact on the TTF is indeterminable.

The proposed legislation assesses an annual \$1,500 permit fee for tandem axle ready-mix concrete trucks and \$1,000 fee for tri- and quad-axle ready-mix concrete trucks. Revenues from the aforementioned fee would be deposited in the TTF. Presently the DOTD and the Office of Motor Vehicles do not track the number of ready-mix concrete trucks in Louisiana, so the potential amount of revenue generated by the permit fees is currently indeterminable. For reference, a 2014 survey conducted by the National Ready Mix Concrete Association (NRMCA) reports that the six states which comprise the association's South Central Region of the United States, of which Louisiana is a member, has a total of 2,866 ready-mix concrete trucks. The per-state regional average number of ready-mix concrete trucks is 478 (2,866 trucks total in the region / 6 states). Of these trucks, the NRMCA reports that no tandem axle trucks operate in the region. As a result, only tri- and quad-axle trucks would be subject to the \$1,000 permit fee outlined in proposed law, with no trucks being subject to the \$1,500 permit fee. To the extent Louisiana meets the regional average cited in the NRMCA survey, and to the extent all trucks applying for permits are tri- and quad-axle trucks, the department would realize an increase of approximately \$478,000 in revenue (478 trucks * \$1,000 permit fee). However, because the number of trucks which may apply for the new permit is unknown, the exact revenue increase is indeterminable. **(See Revenue Explanation cont. on Pg. 2)**

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Proposed law may result in an indeterminable decrease in the amount of overweight fines deposited in the TTF imposed on concrete vendors and transporters, as the allowances for additional weight could potentially reduce the number of violation tickets issued and revenues collected. The number of trucks falling into the category exempted by proposed law is unknown.

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