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Fiscal Note On: **HB 695** HLS 24RS 701

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action: **W/ SEN FLOOR AMD**

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Creates special permits for certain circumstances		

TRANSPORTATION REF +\$50,000 SD EX See Note Page 1 of 1
Creates an overweight permit to transport earthen material for government funded levee projects

Proposed law establishes a per project special overweight permit for each truck transporting earthen materials for government funded levee projects; specifies that the permit is valid for one year from the date of issuance; provides for permit requirements and weight limits; provides for penalty; provides for definitions of earthen materials; and authorizes the secretary of the department to promulgate rules and regulations necessary to enforce the provisions of proposed law.

Proposed law creates a special permit for the hauling of raw input materials for concrete and finished concrete products; establishes a fee of \$400 per unit; provides for weight limits.

Proposed law creates a special permit for single unit dump-trucks with no limitation as to the material being hauled; establishes a fee of \$800 per truck; provides for weight limits and penalties.

EXPENDITURES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$50,000	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	\$50,000
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Annual Total						
REVENUES	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	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	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in one-time expenditures out of the Statutorily Dedicated Transportation Trust Fund-Regular (TTF) to modify the existing permitting system (LaGeaux). The Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) estimates the programming costs necessary to effectuate the issuance of the special permits proposed in this measure at \$50,000.

NOTE: Heavier loads increase deterioration of bridge and highway structures and substructures. Overweight loads carried on short-wheel bases, or lower axle counts, can increase the rate of deterioration beyond that caused by long-wheel bases because the load is applied in a more concentrated focal area. To the degree the special permits proposed in this measure increase average load weights traveling across transportation infrastructure, the maintenance schedule required to keep those roads within allowable safety parameters would increase and eventual replacement of the road and substructure would realize an accelerated timetable.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

Proposed law will result in an indeterminable increase in revenues deposited into the Statutorily Dedicated Transportation Trust Fund-Regular (TTF). Proposed law creates three special permits: 1) an overweight permit for trucks transporting earthen materials for government funded levee projects, 2) a special permit for hauling of raw materials for concrete and finished concrete products, and 3) a special permit for single unit dump trucks with no limitation as to the material being hauled. The permit fees are \$1,000 per project, per year, \$400 per unit, per year, and \$800 per truck per year, respectively. The number of permits that may be issued on an annual basis is unknown and the potential revenues are indeterminable.

Proposed law allows the secretary to impose a civil penalty for each violation of the established weight limits. The number of individuals that may violate proposed law and be assessed civil penalties is speculative and indeterminable.

NOTE: Overweight permit fees generally do not provide sufficient revenue to cover expenditures to repair additional damages caused to bridge and highway structures and substructures by heavier loads.

Senate
Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
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House
 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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