



Ninety-Eighth Legislature - First Session - 2003
Introducer's Statement of Intent
LB 137

Chairperson: Tom Baker
Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications
Date of Hearing: January 21, 2003

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

Current statutes allow length restrictions to be exempted for emergency towing, but only if total length of towed and towing vehicle are within ninety-five feet. Otherwise, tractor and trailer must be uncoupled in order to be towed from the roadway, requiring two tows for removal rather than one. This exacerbates the existing safety hazard of the disabled vehicle, rather than minimizing the risk of removal.

This bill intends to remove length restrictions for emergency towing directly to the nearest place of safekeeping. It expresses a policy valuing the expedited removal of disabled vehicles over the need for any length restrictions for the purpose of emergency removal.

Principal Introducer: _____
Senator Ed Schrock