

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2009
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB649

Hearing Date: Tuesday March 10, 2009
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Christensen
One Liner: Change provisions for special permits for overweight vehicles

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Indefinitely postponed

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Campbell, Fischer, Gay, Janssen, Hadley, Lautenbaugh,
Louden, Stuthman

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Mark Christensen

Representing:

Introducer

Opponents:

Gerry Krolikowski

Representing:

Nebraska State Patrol

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 649 creates an overweight exemption for a vehicle transporting agricultural products that is no more than sixty miles from the border, and is transporting the product to a border state with a higher weight limit than Nebraska.

Section 1 amends Sec. 60-6,294 to harmonize language.

Section 2 amends Sec. 60-6,298 to create a new special permit for transporting goods on state highways and the Interstate. The permit can be issued to a vehicle that is up to sixty miles from the state line and destined for a border state, loaded to the border state's maximum weight limit or up to 10% greater than Nebraska's maximum weight, whichever is less, when the vehicle is carrying grain or other agricultural products to market or factory. No permit can authorize a weight greater than 20,000 pounds on any single axle.

The permit can be issued when failure to move the product in abundant quantities would cause an economic loss or is in the best interests of the national defense or general welfare

Deb Fischer, Chairperson