

ONE HUNDRED THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION - 2013
COMMITTEE STATEMENT
LB117

Hearing Date: Monday February 04, 2013
Committee On: Transportation and Telecommunications
Introducer: Harms
One Liner: Change provisions relating to permits for overweight vehicles

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:
Advanced to General File

Vote Results:

Aye: 8 Senators Brasch, Dubas, Hadley, Janssen, McCoy, Price, Smith, Watermeier

Nay:

Absent:

Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator John Harms
Randy Peters
Pete McClymont

Representing:

Introducer
Nebraska Department of Roads
Nebraska Cattlemen

Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB117 amends 60-6,298(7)(b), the size, weight, and load provisions in the Nebraska Rules of the Road, to extend the amount of time, from 120 to 150 days, drivers can obtain overweight permits when carrying grain or seasonally harvested products from the field or stockpile to market when failure to move would cause an economic loss. The industry most affected by the date limitations are sugar beet farmers. An extension to 210 days was attempted in 2011, but put Nebraska out of compliance with Federal law. Since then, the Department of Roads has worked with the Federal Highway Administration to come to a compromise of 150 days.

The bill changes the number of times a permit can be renewed from three to four times, and extends the total days a permit is valid from 120 to 150 days.

Section by section summary:

Section 1 amends 60-6,298(7)(b) to extend the number of times an overweight permit may be issued from three to four times, and the number of days from 120 to 150 days per calendar year.

Section 2 repeals the original section.
