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# LB 624

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## FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS	48,900,000		48,900,000	
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	48,900,000		48,900,000	

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 624 amends statutes on over-weight vehicles carrying agricultural products and livestock by adding weight exceptions for axle weight.

According to the Department of Roads, the additional damage to the highways and bridges on the state system caused by the additional axle loads could increase maintenance costs by a combined \$48.9 million per year.

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**2015**

**LB<sup>(1)</sup> 624**

**FISCAL NOTE**

State Agency OR Political Subdivision Name: <sup>(2)</sup>

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**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

	<u>FY 2015-16</u>		<u>FY 2016-17</u>	
	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
CASH FUNDS	\$48,900,000.00	_____	\$48,900,000.00	_____
FEDERAL FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
OTHER FUNDS	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>\$48,900,000.00</u>	_____	<u>\$48,900,000.00</u>	_____

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB 624 revising the statute to include not only livestock loads but that any load of agricultural product or commodity may exceed the maximum load on any one axle, one tandem axle or group of axles if the vehicle or combination of vehicles is within the maximum gross load as permitted. Statute 60-6,301 is written to describe specific situations where added weight may be allowed. This bill does not clearly define what an agricultural product or commodity is.

The bill does not appear to violate any federal law or provision but does eliminate language set aside for the purpose of weight limits. The added weight exceptions will accelerate the deterioration of our pavement and bridges. The overall intent of weight limits is to control axle weights to distribute the weight of the load proportionally. This bill will impact 200 bridges on the State system and will require strengthening actions to avoid posting. Bridges on the off-system will also be impacted.

If this bill were to pass, the Department could see an accelerated need to maintain the pavement and bridges damaged by the added weight. Bridge division is estimating approximately \$2.5 million per year for bridges. Material and Research Division is estimating \$46.4 million per year for pavement.

**BREAKDOWN BY MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

**Personal Services:**

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER OF POSITIONS</u>		<u>2015-16 EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>2016-17 EXPENDITURES</u>
	<u>15-16</u>	<u>16-17</u>		
Benefits.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Travel.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital outlay.....	_____	_____	\$48,900,000.00	\$48,900,000.00
Aid.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
Capital improvements.....	_____	_____	_____	_____
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	_____	_____	<u>\$48,900,000.00</u>	<u>\$48,900,000.00</u>