

**ONE HUNDRED SIXTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2020**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB931**

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**Hearing Date:** Monday January 27, 2020  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Halloran  
**One Liner:** Change a harvested products maximum weight overload exception under the Nebraska Rules of the Road

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Albrecht, Bostelman, Cavanaugh, DeBoer, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Oral Testimony:**

**Proponents:**  
Senator Halloran  
Lance Atwater  
Dan Nerud

**Representing:**  
Introducer  
NE Farm Bureau & NE Cattleman  
NE Corn Growers

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

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**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

LB 931 amends two sections of the Nebraska Rules of the Road relating to vehicle weights and lengths in the transporting of grain or other seasonally harvested products.

Section 60-6,298 allows the Department of Transportation, the Nebraska State Patrol, or local authorities to issue permits authorizing applicants to move objects greater than the maximum weights or lengths. One of the currently-authorized permits allows grain transporters to exceed vehicle weight limits (by 15%) and length limits (by 10%) to transport grain from the field to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory when failure to move the grain in abundant quantities would cause economic loss to the applicant. LB 931 would expand the permit authority to allow transport from farm storage to market. The authority currently limits the miles that may be traveled pursuant to a permit.

Section 60-6,301 is also amended. That section currently allows transport of seasonally harvested grain (without a permit) to exceed by 15 percent the maximum load permitted by Section 60-6,294 for any single axle truck or on any tandem axle, group of axles, or on the gross weight, if the transport is from the field to storage, market, or stockpile in the field or from stockpile to market or factory. The change in LB 931 would allow single axle trucks to exceed single axle and gross weight by up to 15 percent for transport from farm storage to market or factory up to 70 miles.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee considered and adopted an amendment which accomplishes the following:

Section 60-6,301 is amended to allow the maximum load to be increased for tandem axle, group of axles, or on the gross weight by 15% for the transport from farm storage to market or factory of seasonally harvested grain without a permit.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson