

Requested by Senator BEYER

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 1510**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “267.300” insert “and 818.030”.

2 On page 2, after line 37, insert:

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**“EXEMPTIONS FROM WEIGHT LIMITATIONS**

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6 **“SECTION 5.** ORS 818.030 is amended to read:

7 “818.030. This section establishes exemptions from the maximum weight  
8 limitations under ORS 818.010 and 818.020. The exemptions under this section  
9 are in addition to any exemptions under ORS 801.026. Operation in accord-  
10 ance with one of the exemptions described is not subject to the penalties in  
11 ORS 818.020. Exemptions are partial or complete as described in the follow-  
12 ing:

13 “(1) The maximum weight limitations do not apply on any way,  
14 thoroughfare or place owned by a district formed under ORS chapters 545,  
15 547 and 551 or a corporation formed under ORS chapter 554.

16 “(2) The maximum weight limitations do not apply on any road or  
17 thoroughfare or property in private ownership or any road or thoroughfare,  
18 other than a state highway or county road, used pursuant to any agreement  
19 with any agency of the United States or with a licensee of such agency, or  
20 both.

21 “(3) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to any vehicle, com-

1 bination of vehicles, article, machine or other equipment while being used  
2 by the federal government, the State of Oregon or any county or incorpo-  
3 rated city in the construction, maintenance or repair of public highways and  
4 at the immediate location or site of such construction, maintenance or re-  
5 pair.

6 “(4) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to vehicles while being  
7 used on the roads of a road authority by mass transit districts for the pur-  
8 poses authorized under ORS 267.010 to 267.390, provided the weight of the  
9 vehicles is approved by the road authority for the roads.

10 “(5) Subject to the maximum weight limitations under Tables I and III  
11 of ORS 818.010, any vehicle with a single rear axle specially equipped with  
12 a self-compactor and used exclusively for garbage or refuse operations may  
13 have a loaded weight upon a single axle of not more than 22,000 pounds when  
14 laden with garbage or refuse. When unladen or when operating on any  
15 highway that is part of the federal interstate highway system such vehicles  
16 shall comply with the weight limitations under Table II of ORS 818.010.

17 “(6) Weight limitations are not applicable in any place and to the extent  
18 the weight limitations are modified by a road authority under ORS 810.060.  
19 The exemption under this subsection is subject to the limitations imposed  
20 by the road authority exercising the powers granted under ORS 810.060.

21 “(7) Operations authorized to exceed weight limitations by a variance  
22 permit issued under ORS 818.200 are subject to the terms of the permit. It  
23 shall be a defense to any charge of violation of ORS 818.020 if the person so  
24 charged produces a variance permit issued under ORS 818.200 authorizing the  
25 operation of the vehicle or combination of vehicles issued prior to and valid  
26 at the time of the offense.

27 “(8)(a) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, two consecutive sets of  
28 tandem axles may have a loaded weight of 34,000 pounds each when operat-  
29 ing on interstate highways with a permit and on other highways without a  
30 permit, providing the distance between the first and last axles of the two sets

1 of tandem axles is at least 30 feet but less than 36 feet.

2 “(b) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, two consecutive sets of  
3 tandem axles may have a loaded weight of 34,000 pounds each when operat-  
4 ing on any highway if the overall distance between the first and the last  
5 axles of the sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

6 “(9) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, a group of four axles  
7 consisting of a set of tandem axles and two axles spaced nine feet or more  
8 apart may have a loaded weight of more than 65,500 pounds and up to 70,000  
9 pounds when operating on interstate highways with a permit and on other  
10 highways without a permit, providing the distance between the first and last  
11 axles of the group is 35 feet or more.

12 “(10) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to a vehicle equipped  
13 with a fully functional idle reduction system designed to reduce fuel use and  
14 emissions from engine idling. The vehicle may exceed the weight limitations  
15 established under ORS 818.010 by not more than [400] 550 pounds.

16 **“(11) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to a vehicle  
17 that uses natural gas as its fuel source. The vehicle may exceed the  
18 weight limitations established under ORS 818.010 by not more than  
19 2,000 pounds.”.**

20 In line 41, delete “5” and insert “6”.

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