

HB 2568 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes vehicles operating under the authority of a public utility, telecommunications utility, people's utility district or cooperative rural electrification district to exceed maximum vehicle lengths in the event of a power disruption.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Technical cleanup
- Currently using letters from counties instead of permits
- Flexibility versus legality in the instance of power disruption

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Clarifies that exemption from permits exists when unplanned power disruption happens outside of normal business hours of the permitting authority.

BACKGROUND:

Current statute allows a public utility, telecommunications utility, people's utility district or cooperative rural electrification district to exceed maximum vehicle lengths in the event of an emergency. However, the statute is not clear as to exactly what constitutes an emergency; House Bill 2568 clarifies that an emergency exists when there is a disruption of services and specifies that utilities would be allowed to exceed the maximum vehicle length during a disruption in services.