

HB 2568 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Specifies that for purposes of exempting certain vehicles from overall allowable length of vehicles under Vehicle Code, that unplanned disruption in services provided by a public utility, telecommunications utility, people's utility district or electric cooperative is considered an emergency if the disruption occurs outside of normal business hours during which the utility, district or cooperative may acquire a variance permit. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact

REVENUE: Minimal revenue impact

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-A2 amendment] Adds municipalities to list of entities to which emergency exemption applies.

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

BACKGROUND:

Current law allows a public utility, telecommunications utility, people's utility district or cooperative rural electrification district to exceed the maximum allowable vehicle length in the event of an emergency when necessary to replace power or utility poles that may exceed the maximum allowable length. However, statute is not clear as to exactly what constitutes an emergency. House Bill 2568-A clarifies that an emergency exists when there is a disruption of services at a time when it would not be possible for the utility to acquire a variance permit.

HOUSE VOTE: 60-0