

HB 2289 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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Sub-Referral To: House Committee On Revenue

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Eliminates unnecessary user license requirements for heavy vehicles. Updates definitions for alternative fuels. Changes method used to determine vehicle weight for per-mile road usage charging.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

This is a housekeeping bill that makes technical changes to the Fuels Tax statutes. Under current law, the Department of Transportation requires user fuel licenses for vehicles in excess of 26,000 pounds regardless of whether they pay the fuel tax to their seller at the time of purchase. This would extend the exemption for vehicles of less than 26,000 pounds to all users who pay the fuels tax to the seller at the time of sale. The bill also makes changes to the definitions of compressed natural gas (CNG) and liquid natural gas (LNG) to make conversions to gallons consistent among states and make it easier for licensees that operate across multiple states to file returns. In addition, the bill makes a technical change to method used to determine vehicle weight and classification for the per-mile road usage charge program for greater consistency and efficiency.