

HB 2462 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides increased weight limits for trucks with fully functional idle reduction systems and trucks that use natural gas as a fuel source.

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

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

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Cargo capacity
- Need to provide incentive for alternative fuels
- Decreased carbon emissions

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The equipment necessary for natural gas powered trucks and idle reduction systems weigh more than just the fuel for a diesel powered truck and the increased weight limits would provide incentive for adoption of these technologies. The storage equipment necessary for a natural gas fueled truck weigh roughly 2,000 pounds more than the standard diesel powered truck and the batteries required for an idle reduction system add an additional 500 pounds. Federal law allows states to increase gross vehicle weights to compensate for this additional weight, so that freight carriers are not penalized for using pollution-reducing technologies.