

HB 2462 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Transportation Policy

Carrier: Rep. Vial

Action Date: 02/24/17
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 9-0-0-0
Yeas: 9 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Wilson, Witt
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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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.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

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

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No 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; the increased weight limits allowed by House Bill 2462 would provide incentive for adoption of these technologies. The storage equipment necessary for a natural-gas-fueled truck weighs 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.