

**HB 2568 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**House Committee On Transportation Policy**

**Carrier:** Rep. Witt

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**Action Date:** 03/08/17

**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

**Vote:** 9-0-0-0

**Yeas:** 9 - Barreto, Evans, McKeown, McLain, Meek, Noble, Vial, Wilson, Witt

**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact

**Revenue:** Has minimal revenue impact

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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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

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 when necessary to replace power or utility poles that may exceed to maximum allowable length. However, the 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 and specifies that utilities would be allowed to exceed the maximum vehicle length during a disruption in services and the disruption happens outside of the normal business hours of the permitting authority.