

HB 2462 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Girod

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Action Date: 05/10/17
Action: Do pass.
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: Has minimal revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases weight limit for trucks with fully functional idle reduction systems and for trucks that use natural gas as a fuel source.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Redraft of legislation from 2016 Session
- Consistency with federal standards

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The federal Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act, or “FAST Act,” was signed into law in December 2015, becoming the first long-term federal transportation funding bill in over a decade. In addition to funding provisions, the FAST Act includes provisions that increase maximum allowable weights for trucks that include certain equipment, such as idle systems or natural gas fuel systems. The equipment necessary for natural-gas-powered trucks and idle reduction systems weigh more than just the fuel for a diesel-powered truck; the storage equipment for a natural-gas-fueled truck weighs approximately 2,000 pounds, while batteries for an idle reduction system add approximately 500 pounds. Proponents of House Bill 2462 assert that the increased weight limitation allowed by the measure will provide incentive for the adoption of these technologies.