

# House Bill 2462

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## SUMMARY

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Increases amount by which vehicle equipped with fully functional idle reduction system designed to reduce fuel use and emissions from engine idling may exceed maximum weight limitations.

Provides limited exemption from maximum weight limitations for vehicle that uses natural gas as its fuel source.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to exemptions from maximum vehicle weight limitations; amending ORS 818.030.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 818.030 is amended to read:

5 818.030. This section establishes exemptions from the maximum weight limitations under ORS  
6 818.010 and 818.020. The exemptions under this section are in addition to any exemptions under ORS  
7 801.026. Operation in accordance with one of the exemptions described is not subject to the penalties  
8 in ORS 818.020. Exemptions are partial or complete as described in the following:

9 (1) The maximum weight limitations do not apply on any way, thoroughfare or place owned by  
10 a district formed under ORS chapters 545, 547 and 551 or a corporation formed under ORS chapter  
11 554.

12 (2) The maximum weight limitations do not apply on any road or thoroughfare or property in  
13 private ownership or any road or thoroughfare, other than a state highway or county road, used  
14 pursuant to any agreement with any agency of the United States or with a licensee of such agency,  
15 or both.

16 (3) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to any vehicle, combination of vehicles, article,  
17 machine or other equipment while being used by the federal government, the State of Oregon or any  
18 county or incorporated city in the construction, maintenance or repair of public highways and at  
19 the immediate location or site of such construction, maintenance or repair.

20 (4) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to vehicles while being used on the roads of  
21 a road authority by mass transit districts for the purposes authorized under ORS 267.010 to 267.390,  
22 provided the weight of the vehicles is approved by the road authority for the roads.

23 (5) Subject to the maximum weight limitations under Tables I and III of ORS 818.010, any vehicle  
24 with a single rear axle specially equipped with a self-compactor and used exclusively for garbage  
25 or refuse operations may have a loaded weight upon a single axle of not more than 22,000 pounds  
26 when laden with garbage or refuse. When unladen or when operating on any highway that is part  
27 of the federal interstate highway system such vehicles shall comply with the weight limitations un-  
28 der Table II of ORS 818.010.

29 (6) Weight limitations are not applicable in any place and to the extent the weight limitations  
30 are modified by a road authority under ORS 810.060. The exemption under this subsection is subject

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1 to the limitations imposed by the road authority exercising the powers granted under ORS 810.060.

2 (7) Operations authorized to exceed weight limitations by a variance permit issued under ORS  
 3 818.200 are subject to the terms of the permit. It shall be a defense to any charge of violation of  
 4 ORS 818.020 if the person so charged produces a variance permit issued under ORS 818.200 author-  
 5 izing the operation of the vehicle or combination of vehicles issued prior to and valid at the time  
 6 of the offense.

7 (8)(a) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may have  
 8 a loaded weight of 34,000 pounds each when operating on interstate highways with a permit and on  
 9 other highways without a permit, providing the distance between the first and last axles of the two  
 10 sets of tandem axles is at least 30 feet but less than 36 feet.

11 (b) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may have  
 12 a loaded weight of 34,000 pounds each when operating on any highway if the overall distance be-  
 13 tween the first and the last axles of the sets of tandem axles is 36 feet or more.

14 (9) Notwithstanding Table III of ORS 818.010, a group of four axles consisting of a set of tandem  
 15 axles and two axles spaced nine feet or more apart may have a loaded weight of more than 65,500  
 16 pounds and up to 70,000 pounds when operating on interstate highways with a permit and on other  
 17 highways without a permit, providing the distance between the first and last axles of the group is  
 18 35 feet or more.

19 (10) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to a vehicle equipped with a fully functional  
 20 idle reduction system designed to reduce fuel use and emissions from engine idling. The vehicle may  
 21 exceed the weight limitations established under ORS 818.010 by not more than [400] **550** pounds.

22 **(11) The maximum weight limitations do not apply to a vehicle that uses natural gas as**  
 23 **its fuel source. The vehicle may exceed the weight limitations established under ORS 818.010**  
 24 **by not more than 2,000 pounds.**