

SB 527 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Transportation

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies the definition of "fixed-load vehicle" to exclude bucket trucks.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

A "fixed-load vehicle" is designed to support and move equipment or appliances that are part of, or permanently affixed to, the body of the vehicle; for transport of equipment or appliances that are normally kept in or on the vehicle; and designed for purposes other than carrying passengers or property.

A "bucket truck" is a vehicle equipped with an extendable, hydraulic boom with a large basket used for raising workers to elevated, inaccessible areas. In some cases, the lift assembly is powered by the vehicle's drive engine, while in other cases it is equipped with an auxiliary engine installed on one side of the chassis; however, hybrid models that utilize battery power for lifting operations are becoming more common. The most common uses for bucket trucks are electric utilities, telecommunications, lighting and sign maintenance, construction, forestry and tree care, fire rescue, exterior painting, window washing, fruit picking, animal rescue, and photography.