

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 268

BY WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

AN ACT

1 RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION; AMENDING SECTION 49-1004A, IDAHO CODE, TO PRO-
2 VIDE THAT WHEN REQUESTS ARE MADE THAT NEW ROUTES BE DESIGNATED FOR
3 TRAVEL BY CERTAIN VEHICLES, THE AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION MAY ANA-
4 LYZE THE SAFETY AND FEASIBILITY OF ADDING SUCH ROUTES.
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6 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

7 SECTION 1. That Section 49-1004A, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby
8 amended to read as follows:

9 49-1004A. PERMITS FOR OVERWEIGHT OR OVERSIZE LOADS -- NEW SPECIAL
10 ROUTES. (1) Notwithstanding the provision on the addition or deletion of
11 approved routes in section 49-1004(4), Idaho Code, the authority having
12 jurisdiction may designate routes within its jurisdiction for operation
13 of vehicle combinations with a legal maximum gross weight of at least one
14 hundred five thousand five hundred one (105,501) pounds but not exceed-
15 ing one hundred twenty-nine thousand (129,000) pounds, utilizing criteria
16 established by the board based upon road and bridge structural integrity
17 engineering standards, as well as public safety engineering standards. If
18 the authority having jurisdiction designates routes as provided herein, its
19 governing board shall issue an annual special permit authorizing travel on
20 such designated routes for such travel. Any routes approved by the authority
21 having jurisdiction shall be included in the map provided for in section
22 49-1004(4), Idaho Code.

23 (2) For all requests that new routes be designated for travel by vehi-
24 cle combinations with a maximum gross weight of up to one hundred twenty-nine
25 thousand (129,000) pounds, the authority having jurisdiction ~~shall~~ may ana-
26 lyze the safety and feasibility of adding such routes.

27 (3) Nothing in this section shall limit the exclusive jurisdiction of
28 a local authority in its discretion to decline to designate, to revoke or
29 modify an existing designation, or to place limits upon the designation of,
30 highways within its jurisdiction that it determines hereunder to have public
31 safety concerns or limited structural capacity of pavement, bridges or other
32 appurtenances. Prior to designating or modifying a designation of a route
33 under this section a local authority shall publish notice and conduct a pub-
34 lic hearing concerning the proposed designation.