

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Allowing travel by trucks to carry loads up to 129,000 pounds provides significant economic development opportunities for Idaho's communities. The increased load limitation will promote interstate commerce as many of Idaho's neighbor states have higher truck weight limits.

Additionally, a ten-year Idaho Department of Transportation study commissioned by the Legislature has recently concluded that trucks of up to 129,000 pounds can easily travel on designated Idaho roads without causing increased damage to the roads or danger to the public.

This bill provides that the authority having jurisdiction over its road may designate routes for loads up to 129,000 pounds by using the criteria based on road and bridge structural integrity engineering standards and public safety established by the Idaho Department of Transportation. The authority with jurisdiction over a road will be able to utilize the same type of permit currently being issued on designated roads so that all of Idaho's communities can benefit. It also makes the currently recognized pilot routes permanent.

FISCAL NOTE

There is no fiscal impact to the state general fund.

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