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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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Differential speed limits, most often in the form of forcing heavy trucks to travel slower than passenger cars, increase traffic turbulence, leading to higher crash risks due to increased interactions. Research has shown that speed variance (differences in speed between vehicles) causes more accidents than absolute speed, with a 10 mph difference creating a much as a 227% increase in interactions. When variances in speed occur at excessive speeds, such as on interstate highways, the severity of crashes increases dramatically. This legislation eliminates differential speed limits on state highways.

FISCAL NOTE

This legislation causes no increase or decrease in revenue at the state or local level of government; however it will require differential speed limit signs to be taken down.

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