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HOUSE BILL 2168

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State of Washington                      52nd Legislature                      1991 Regular Session

By Representative R. Meyers.

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Transportation.

1            AN ACT Relating to a study of commercial vehicle weight limits;  
2 creating a new section; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 1.**            From April 1, to December 1, 1991, the  
6 Washington state patrol, in cooperation with the trucking and shipping  
7 industries, the state department of transportation, the Seattle and  
8 Tacoma port authorities, the state transportation plan's freight  
9 mobility subcommittee, and other interested parties shall enter into a  
10 six month pilot project aimed at identifying the number of containers  
11 transported by truck that exceed the legal load limitations of chapter  
12 46.44 RCW.    The purpose of the study is to assess the amount of  
13 pavement damage to state highways that may be attributable to  
14 containerized cargo moving by truck into and out of the ports within  
15 the state of Washington.

1 Washington state patrol employees shall weigh trucks carrying  
2 containers to and from the ports of Tacoma and Seattle during the pilot  
3 project. When an illegal load is identified at the weighing site, no  
4 citation will be issued. However, operators transporting overweight  
5 loads will be advised of the penalties for transporting the load on  
6 public highways.

7 During the pilot project, the state patrol shall:

8 (1) Periodically meet with representatives of the trucking and  
9 shipping industries, the state department of transportation, the ports  
10 of Seattle and Tacoma, the state transportation plan's freight mobility  
11 subcommittee, and other interested parties to review the data collected  
12 and discuss possible recommendations for consideration by the  
13 legislative transportation committee;

14 (2) Contact the responsible California and Oregon state agencies  
15 that are responsible for truck weight enforcement in an attempt to  
16 address the issue on a regional basis; and

17 (3) Periodically submit written progress reports to the legislative  
18 transportation committee on data collection, recommendations, and  
19 regional cooperation.

20 The state patrol shall submit a final report along with its  
21 findings and recommendations to the legislative transportation  
22 committee by December 15, 1991.

23 This section expires December 31, 1991.

24 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
25 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
26 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
27 effect April 1, 1991.