
HOUSE BILL 2476

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1 AN ACT Relating to heavy haul corridors; and amending RCW
2 46.44.0915.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.0915 and 2011 c 115 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the department
7 of transportation, with respect to state highways maintained within
8 port district property, may, at the request of a port commission, make
9 and enter into agreements with port districts and adjacent
10 jurisdictions or agencies of the districts, for the purpose of
11 identifying, managing, and maintaining short heavy haul industrial
12 corridors within port district property for the movement of overweight
13 sealed containers used in international trade.

14 (b) The department of transportation shall designate that portion
15 of state route number 97 from the Canadian border to milepost 331.12 as
16 a heavy haul industrial corridor for the movement of overweight
17 vehicles to and from the Oroville railhead. The department may issue
18 special permits to vehicles operating in the heavy haul industrial

1 corridor to carry weight in excess of weight limits established in RCW
2 46.44.041, but not to exceed a gross vehicle weight of 139,994 pounds.

3 (2) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section, the
4 department may issue special permits to vehicles operating in a heavy
5 haul industrial corridor to carry weight in excess of weight limits
6 established in RCW 46.44.041. However, the excess weight on a single
7 axle, tandem axle, or any axle group must not exceed that allowed by
8 RCW 46.44.091 (1) and (2), weight per tire must not exceed six hundred
9 pounds per inch width of tire, and gross vehicle weight must not exceed
10 one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds.

11 (3) The entity operating or hiring vehicles under subsection (1)(b)
12 of this section or moving overweight sealed containers used in
13 international trade must pay a fee for each special permit of one
14 hundred dollars per month or one thousand dollars annually, beginning
15 from the date of issue, for all movements under the special permit made
16 on state highways within a heavy haul industrial corridor. Within a
17 port district property, under no circumstances are the for hire
18 carriers or rail customers responsible for the purchase or cost of the
19 permits. All funds collected, except the amount retained by authorized
20 agents of the department under RCW 46.44.096, must be forwarded to the
21 state treasurer and deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

22 (4) For purposes of this section, an overweight sealed container
23 used in international trade, including its contents, is considered
24 nondivisible when transported within a heavy haul industrial corridor
25 defined by the department.

26 (5) Any agreement entered into by the department as authorized
27 under this section with a port district adjacent to Puget Sound and
28 located within a county that has a population of more than seven
29 hundred thousand, but less than one million, must limit the
30 applicability of any established heavy haul corridor to that portion of
31 state route no. 509 beginning at milepost 0.25 in the vicinity of East
32 'D' Street and ending at milepost (~~(3.88)~~) 5.7 in the vicinity of
33 (~~(Taylor)~~) Norpoint Way Northeast.

34 (6) The department of transportation may adopt reasonable rules to
35 implement this section.

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