

### Fiscal Estimate - 2007 Session

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<b>LRB Number</b> <b>07-2384/1</b>		<b>Introduction Number</b> <b>AB-0689</b>	
<b>Description</b> seasonal weight limitations for certain vehicles transporting agricultural crops			
<b>Fiscal Effect</b>			
<b>State:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No State Fiscal Effect			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Increase Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Appropriations		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Existing Revenues	
<input type="checkbox"/> Create New Appropriations		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs - May be possible to absorb within agency's budget <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs	
<b>Local:</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> No Local Government Costs			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indeterminate			
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase Costs		3. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Costs		4. <input type="checkbox"/> Decrease Revenue	
<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory		<input type="checkbox"/> Permissive <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory	
5. Types of Local Government Units Affected			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Towns		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Counties		<input type="checkbox"/> Others	
<input type="checkbox"/> School Districts		<input type="checkbox"/> WTCS Districts	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cities			
<b>Fund Sources Affected</b>		<b>Affected Ch. 20 Appropriations</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> GPR <input type="checkbox"/> FED <input type="checkbox"/> PRO <input type="checkbox"/> PRS <input type="checkbox"/> SEG <input type="checkbox"/> SEGS			
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## Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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### Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

2005 Act 364 had generally replaced what had become rather routine seasonal emergency declarations allowing certain agricultural trucks to exceed weight limits. With that Act, certain vehicles or vehicle combinations transporting agricultural crops could, without a permit, exceed weight limits by not more than 15 percent from September 1 to November 30 of each year. The current AB-689 would extend the annual end date for the exception on weight limits from November 30 to December 31. The impact of this bill is assumed to be essentially the same as the effect of declaring "agricultural emergencies" on a regular basis over the last many years including any period between December 1 and December 31. Those emergencies have also provided for exceeding the weight standards without requiring permits. No information is available to support an analysis of whether there will be a differential impact from this bill as contrasted to the well established practice of declaring emergencies to exist during the period December 1 to December 31.

This bill is assumed to have no impact on the demand or use of other permits for fruits and vegetables.

It is assumed this bill simply replaces an existing special permission for exceeding weight limits, and therefore, would be accepted by the Federal Highway Administration despite extending the current exemption on the portion of I-39 north of I-90/94. FHWA did not object to similar AB-510 and SB-240 in the previous session.

### Long-Range Fiscal Implications

No change from current practice, but continues the practice of providing special consideration for certain loads, which are not allowed universally. Heavier loads generally have more impact on pavements and giving special consideration for certain types of loads, when there is no difference in the impact of that load on the infrastructure, raises questions of equity that are dealt with in the long term.