

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 94

By JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

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1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “amending ORS 818.030” and insert “and prescribing
2 an effective date”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 30 and delete page 2 and insert:

4 **“SECTION 1. (1) The Department of Transportation shall conduct a study and prepare a
5 report on increasing the vehicle weight limits for commercial motor vehicles transporting
6 fluid milk products.**

7 **“(2) The report must include:**

8 **“(a) A comprehensive assessment on increasing maximum weight limitations under the
9 Oregon Vehicle Code;**

10 **“(b) An infrastructure impact assessment detailing the effects of heavier vehicle weight
11 loads on bridges, pavements and highway safety, with a focus on high-frequency freight
12 routes in Oregon;**

13 **“(c) An economic impact assessment quantifying the contributions of oversized freight
14 to Oregon’s economy, balancing potential economic gains from increased freight capacity
15 with the costs of infrastructure maintenance and safety considerations;**

16 **“(d) An assessment of length as a factor for legal axle weights and alignment with
17 lengths allowed by the long combination vehicle freeze in federal law;**

18 **“(e) An assessment of parking and staging infrastructure in Oregon for oversized loads;**

19 **“(f) A strategic implementation plan outlining a phased approach to applying the report’s
20 findings through a pilot program established under section 3 of this 2025 Act; and**

21 **“(g) Recommendations supporting informed evaluation of increasing maximum vehicle
22 weight limits for divisible and nondivisible loads.**

23 **“(3) The report may include recommendations for:**

24 **“(a) Adjusting permit fees to account for highway maintenance needs;**

25 **“(b) Identifying designated heavy-load corridors to minimize infrastructure impacts and
26 improve highway safety;**

27 **“(c) Designating corridor connections to neighboring states that currently allow in-
28 creased vehicle weight limits for commercial motor vehicles as authorized under federal law;**

29 **“(d) Updating the state transportation asset management plan;**

30 **“(e) Changing weigh stations and weigh-in-motion systems;**

31 **“(f) Adjusting bridge inspection plans and load-rating processes;**

32 **“(g) Updating weight-mile tax rates and tables; and**

33 **“(h) Collaborating with local road authorities.**

34 **“(4) No later than September 15, 2028, the department shall submit the report required
35 under this section to the Oregon Transportation Commission.**

1 **“SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2029.

2 **“SECTION 3.** (1) After the Oregon Transportation Commission receives the report re-
3 quired under section 1 of this 2025 Act, the Department of Transportation shall use the
4 strategic implementation plan created as part of the report under section 1 of this 2025 Act
5 and establish a heavy vehicle pilot program.

6 “(2) Notwithstanding ORS 818.010 and 818.020 and in addition to the exemptions allowed
7 under ORS 801.026 and 818.030, under the pilot program the department shall issue permits
8 that allow commercial vehicles hauling fluid milk products with a loaded weight of not more
9 than 129,000 pounds to operate on routes approved by the department.

10 “(3) The department shall specify the conditions and terms of a permit issued under this
11 section.

12 “(4) Applications for a permit under this section shall be made in a form and manner
13 prescribed by the department.

14 “(5) The department, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any violation of the limita-
15 tions of a permit issued under this section, may suspend or revoke the permit.

16 “(6) The department shall periodically report back to the commission on the results of
17 its monitoring and evaluation of impacts to safety, bridges and pavement on all the desig-
18 nated routes within the pilot program.

19 “(7) No later than September 15, 2030, the department shall submit a report to the Joint
20 Committee on Transportation and the commission on pilot program results.

21 “(8) The department may adopt rules to carry out the provisions of this section.

22 **“SECTION 4.** Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2032.

23 **“SECTION 5.** This 2025 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the date on which the 2025
24 regular session of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly adjourns sine die.”.