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Requested by JOINT COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION (at the request of Tillamook County Creamery Association and Darigold)

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE BILL 94**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after “limits;” delete “amending ORS
2 818.030” and insert “and prescribing 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
5 a study and prepare a report on increasing the vehicle weight limits
6 for commercial motor vehicles transporting fluid milk products.**

7 **“(2) The report must include:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 “(g) Recommendations supporting informed evaluation of increas-
5 ing maximum vehicle weight limits for divisible and nondivisible loads.

6 “(3) The report may include recommendations for:

7 “(a) Adjusting permit fees to account for highway maintenance
8 needs;

9 “(b) Identifying designated heavy-load corridors to minimize
10 infrastructure impacts and improve highway safety;

11 “(c) Designating corridor connections to neighboring states that
12 currently allow increased vehicle weight limits for commercial motor
13 vehicles as authorized under federal law;

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

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

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

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

18 “(h) Collaborating with local road authorities.

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

22 “SECTION 2. Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,
23 2029.

24 “SECTION 3. (1) After the Oregon Transportation Commission re-
25 ceives the report required under section 1 of this 2025 Act, the De-
26 partment of Transportation shall use the strategic implementation
27 plan created as part of the report under section 1 of this 2025 Act and
28 establish a heavy vehicle pilot program.

29 “(2) Notwithstanding ORS 818.010 and 818.020 and in addition to the
30 exemptions allowed under ORS 801.026 and 818.030, under the pilot

1 program the department shall issue permits that allow commercial
2 vehicles hauling fluid milk products with a loaded weight of not more
3 than 129,000 pounds to operate on routes approved by the department.

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

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

8 “(5) The department, upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any
9 violation of the limitations of a permit issued under this section, may
10 suspend or revoke the permit.

11 “(6) The department shall periodically report back to the commis-
12 sion on the results of its monitoring and evaluation of impacts to
13 safety, bridges and pavement on all the designated routes within the
14 pilot program.

15 “(7) No later than September 15, 2030, the department shall submit
16 a report to the Joint Committee on Transportation and the commis-
17 sion on pilot program results.

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

20 “SECTION 4. Section 3 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,
21 2032.

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

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