
SENATE BILL 6857

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By Senators Morton, Swecker, Haugen, King, Spanel, Parlette, and Delvin

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1 AN ACT Relating to heavy haul industrial corridors; amending RCW
2 46.44.0915; and making an appropriation.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.0915 and 2005 c 311 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 the four-mile
15 portion of state route number 97 from the Canadian border to Oroville
16 as a heavy haul industrial corridor for the movement of overweight
17 sealed containers used in international trade.

18 (2) The department may issue special permits to vehicles operating
19 in the heavy haul industrial corridor to carry weight in excess of

1 weight limits established in RCW 46.44.041. However, the excess weight
2 on a single axle, tandem axle, or any axle group must not exceed that
3 allowed by RCW 46.44.091 (1) and (2), weight per tire must not exceed
4 six hundred pounds per inch width of tire, and gross vehicle weight
5 must not exceed one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds.

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

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

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

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

29 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or
30 as much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated for the biennium
31 ending June 30, 2009, from the multimodal transportation account to the
32 department of transportation to pay for maintenance costs incurred as
33 a result of the heavy haul industrial corridor designation under this
34 act.

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