

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **DIGEST**

Currently, the maximum weight limitation postings on certain roads and bridges are allowed to be less than the statutory limit if it is determined that more weight would cause rapid deterioration or destruction. However, the attorney general determined that heavy vehicles carrying a special tolerance permit issued by provisions of the Transportation Code are not required to abide by the posted limit. Such vehicles have proved to be particularly harmful to certain county roads and state highways. S.B. 1496 expands the limitations of a special tolerance permit for heavy vehicles.

### **PURPOSE**

As proposed, S.B. 1496 expands limitations of a permit issued under Section 623.011(c), Transportation Code.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Section 623.011(c), Transportation Code, to specify that a permit issued under this section does not authorize the operation of a vehicle on certain roadways if the vehicle is too heavy, or on certain bridges and culverts with posted maximum weight and load limits which the vehicle exceeds.

SECTION 2. Emergency clause.  
Effective date: 90 days after adjournment.