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HOUSE BILL 2348

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1            AN ACT Relating to heavy haul industrial corridors in the  
2 northeastern part of the state; amending RCW 46.44.0915; and declaring  
3 an emergency.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.0915 and 2013 c 115 s 1 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1)(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, the department  
8 of transportation, with respect to state highways maintained within  
9 port district property, may, at the request of a port commission, make  
10 and enter into agreements with port districts and adjacent  
11 jurisdictions or agencies of the districts, for the purpose of  
12 identifying, managing, and maintaining short heavy haul industrial  
13 corridors within port district property for the movement of overweight  
14 sealed containers used in international trade.

15            (b) The department of transportation shall designate that portion  
16 of state route number 97 from the Canadian border to milepost  
17 (~~(331.12)~~) 254.00 as a heavy haul industrial corridor for the movement  
18 of overweight vehicles to and from the Oroville railhead.

1        (c) The department of transportation shall designate that portion  
2 of state route number 155 from the intersection with state route number  
3 97 to milepost 78.86 as a heavy haul industrial corridor for the  
4 movement of overweight vehicles to the Omak mill site.

5        (d) The department may issue special permits to vehicles operating  
6 in the heavy haul industrial corridors identified in (b) and (c) of  
7 this subsection to carry weight in excess of weight limits established  
8 in RCW 46.44.041, but not to exceed a gross vehicle weight of 139,994  
9 pounds.

10        (2) Except as provided in subsection (1)(b) of this section, the  
11 department may issue special permits to vehicles operating in a heavy  
12 haul industrial corridor to carry weight in excess of weight limits  
13 established in RCW 46.44.041. However, the excess weight on a single  
14 axle, tandem axle, or any axle group must not exceed that allowed by  
15 RCW 46.44.091 (1) and (2), weight per tire must not exceed six hundred  
16 pounds per inch width of tire, and gross vehicle weight must not exceed  
17 one hundred five thousand five hundred pounds.

18        (3) The entity operating or hiring vehicles under subsection (1)(b)  
19 of this section or moving overweight sealed containers used in  
20 international trade must pay a fee for each special permit of one  
21 hundred dollars per month or one thousand dollars annually, beginning  
22 from the date of issue, for all movements under the special permit made  
23 on state highways within a heavy haul industrial corridor. Within a  
24 port district property, under no circumstances are the for hire  
25 carriers or rail customers responsible for the purchase or cost of the  
26 permits. All funds collected, except the amount retained by authorized  
27 agents of the department under RCW 46.44.096, must be forwarded to the  
28 state treasurer and deposited in the motor vehicle fund.

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

33        (5) Any agreement entered into by the department as authorized  
34 under this section with a port district adjacent to Puget Sound and  
35 located within a county that has a population of more than seven  
36 hundred thousand, but less than one million, must limit the  
37 applicability of any established heavy haul corridor to that portion of

1 state route no. 509 beginning at milepost 0.25 in the vicinity of East  
2 'D' Street and ending at milepost 5.7 in the vicinity of Norpoint Way  
3 Northeast.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
8 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
9 immediately.

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