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State of Washington

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By House Transportation (originally sponsored by Representatives Shea, Taylor, and McCune)

READ FIRST TIME 02/25/11.

1 AN ACT Relating to requiring certain vehicles to stop at a weigh  
2 station for inspection and weight measurement; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 46.44 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.44 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Upon entering the state, any vehicle or combination of vehicles  
8 with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than forty thousand pounds  
9 and transporting cattle must immediately stop at a port of entry, which  
10 is operated by the Washington state patrol.

11 (2) The requirement of subsection (1) of this section does not  
12 apply to the operator of a vehicle in possession of a pasture permit or  
13 cattle consigned to a public auction or sales yard. Nothing in this  
14 subsection shall be construed to authorize a vehicle to bypass an open  
15 weigh station or port of entry.

16 (3) Operation of any vehicle or combination of vehicles in  
17 violation of this section is prima facie evidence that the owner of the  
18 vehicle or combination of vehicles caused or permitted the vehicle or

1 combination of vehicles to be so operated, and the owner is liable for  
2 any penalties imposed under this section.

3 (4) The penalty for failure to comply with this section is one  
4 thousand dollars. All fines collected under this section must be  
5 deposited in the motor vehicle fund established under RCW 46.68.070 to  
6 be used for road maintenance purposes in the counties described in  
7 subsection (5) of this section.

8 (5) The requirements and penalties in this section apply only in a  
9 county located east of the crest of the Cascade mountains with a  
10 population of at least four hundred fifty thousand and an adjacent  
11 county with a population of at least thirteen thousand but less than  
12 fifteen thousand.

13 (6) The Washington state patrol must provide a one-time written  
14 notification of the requirements of this section to affected carriers  
15 known to have previously entered the state of Washington in the  
16 counties described in subsection (5) of this section. The notification  
17 requirement is not a defense for a driver from enforcement action if  
18 found in violation of this section. Notification must be provided by  
19 August 1, 2011.

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