Washington State House of Representatives Office of Program Research

BILL ANALYSIS

Transportation Committee

HB 1786

Brief Description: Concerning special use permits for milk product haulers.

Sponsors: Representatives Rule, Corry, Walen, Chapman, Reeves and Barkis.

Brief Summary of Bill

- Authorizes the Washington State Department of Transportation to issue a one-year special permit for operation of two trailing units hauling fluid or liquid nondivisible milk, which together are not more than 85 feet in length.
- Requires a \$300 fee for the permit.

Hearing Date: 2/16/23

Staff: Beth Redfield (786-7140).

Background:

Without a special permit, it is unlawful to operate on public highways a combination of a tractor and two trailers with a combined length of the trailers of more than 61 feet. Operators of overlength vehicles must obtain a special permit from the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) to travel on the state highway system. Valid permits that are issued, may range from one day to one year. The WSDOT is authorized to issue a one-year permit for operation of two trailing units which together are no more than 68 feet in length. The WSDOT must charge a \$100 fee for the permit.

Summary of Bill:

The WSDOT is authorized to issue a one-year special permit for operation of two trailing units

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is

passed.