

## Department of Planning and Budget 2001 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. **Bill Number** SB1097

**House of Origin**    Introduced            X Substitute            X Engrossed  
**Second House**        In Committee    Substitute             Enrolled

2. **Patron**            Mims

3. **Committee**    In the second house

4. **Title**             Vehicle weight limits; liquidated damages

5. **Summary/Purpose:**

This bill basically doubles amounts of liquidated damages imposed for overweight violations. The bill also authorizes assessment of liquidated damages based on pre-shifting axle weights when shifting of a vehicle's cargo brings it into compliance with axle weight limits.

6. **Fiscal Impact Estimates preliminary:**

6a. **Expenditure Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01	2,825,000	50.00	NGF
2001-02	5,350,000	50.00	NGF
2002-03	5,510,500	50.00	NGF

6b. **Revenue Impact:**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Positions</i>	<i>Fund</i>
2000-01			
2001-02	22,621,385		NGF
2002-03	15,893,247		NGF

7. **Budget amendment necessary:** Yes to Item 514.

8. **Fiscal implications:** The truck weigh station program was transferred to DMV by Executive Order in August 2000. This transfer included 150 positions and existing appropriations for fiscal year 2001 and SB 800 contains the appropriation for Fiscal Year 2002. The additional 50 positions and additional funding generated by enactment of this legislation will provide the necessary resources for DMV to operate the weigh stations 24 hours a day and provide manpower necessary to increase liquidated damages collections to the level outlined in item # 6. Moreover, this level of resources will enable DMV to operate the program in a manner that will help protect the State's highway infrastructure over the long term.

9. **Specific agency or political subdivisions affected:** The Department of Motor Vehicles and the Department of State Police.

10. **Technical amendment necessary:** No

11. Other comments: By enactment of this legislation additional revenue will accrue to the Department of State Police (weighing fee of \$2) and the State Literary Fund (civil penalty of \$25) and to DMV (processing fee of \$20) for violations as a result of this legislation.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation

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