

Department of Planning and Budget

2014 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB27

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Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Cole

3. Committee: Transportation

4. Title: Vehicle weight limits; extensions apply also to interstates designated as state primary highways.

5. Summary: This bill provides that vehicle weight limit extensions apply also to interstate highways that are simultaneously designated as state primary or secondary highways.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 444.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary. See Item #8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Allowing vehicles with a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds to operate on the interstates, as proposed in this legislation, would cause Virginia to lose federal highway funds. Federal law prohibits vehicles over 80,000 pounds gross weight on the interstates, except for specifically named locations in specific states. It does not include any interstate located in Virginia. Federal law also authorizes the withholding of funds based on a state's noncompliance with federal laws and regulations.

Each state is required to certify to the Federal Highway Administration before January 1 of each year, that it is enforcing all state laws respecting maximum vehicle size and weight permitted on the Interstate System, in accordance with federal law. If a state fails to certify, or if the U.S. Secretary of Transportation determines that a state is not adequately enforcing all state laws respecting maximum vehicle sizes and weights on the Interstate System, the federal-aid funds for the National Highway System apportioned to the state for the next fiscal year shall be reduced by an amount equal to 10 percent of the amount which would otherwise be apportioned to the state.

Virginia's FY 2014 Federal-Aid Highway Program Apportionment is \$982,180,040. Virginia's FY 2014 Federal-Aid Highway Program Apportionment for the National Highway Performance Program (which includes the state's funding for the National Highway System and is a component of the total Apportionment) is \$586,030,497; ten percent of which is approximately \$58,603,050. This is approximately the amount of federal-aid funds that would have been withheld from Virginia in FY 2014 for failure to certify or enforce all state laws respecting maximum vehicle sizes and weights on the Interstate System. Removal of

this funding would impact the Department of Transportation's highway construction program.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Motor Vehicles, motor carriers, Virginia Department of Transportation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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c: Secretary of Transportation