

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 686 - SB 817

March 9, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the maximum weight limit for axles and axle groups for permitted, nondivisible overweight loads on freight vehicles from 20,000 pounds per axle to 23,000 pounds per axle.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures- \$25,000/Highway Fund/One-Time
Exceeds \$50,000/Highway Fund/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Safety (DOS) confirms this bill will have no fiscal impact on departmental operations.
- The Department of Transportation (TDOT) reports the department will be required to update its existing permitting system.
- Based on information provided by TDOT, the one-time increase in state expenditures from the Highway Fund for system upgrades would be approximately \$25,000.
- TDOT reports that increasing the maximum weight by 15 percent on each axle will result in significant damages to existing paved surfaces. The extent of any future damage is unknowable; however, the recurring increase in state expenditures is reasonably estimated to exceed \$50,000 per year statewide.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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