

HCS SB 841 -- VEHICLE WEIGHT REGULATIONS

SPONSOR: Stouffer (St. Onge)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Transportation by a vote of 10 to 0.

This substitute increases the maximum gross weight limit and axle weight limit for heavy-duty vehicles equipped with idle reduction technology.

Beginning January 1, 2009, a tax credit equal to 50% of the amount paid to purchase and install idle reduction technology on a class 8 truck will be allowed against the taxpayer's state tax liability. The amount of the tax credit claimed cannot exceed the amount of the taxpayer's tax liability for the taxable year for which the credit is claimed. The tax credit is not transferable but can be carried forward for up to three taxable years until the full credit has been claimed. This tax credit has a cap of \$10 million in any fiscal year and a total cap of \$20 million.

The substitute allows a higher axle weight for vehicles engaged in interstate commerce, whether unladen or with load, and whether originating in this state or another state, within the St. Joseph area commercial zone. Currently, these vehicles had to originate in this state.

The provisions of the substitute regarding the tax credit will expire two years from the effective date.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of \$0 in FY 2009, \$38,275 to \$10,000,000 in FY 2010, and \$39,423 to \$10,000,000 in FY 2011. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2009, FY 2010, and FY 2011.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that the bill will allow for the extra weight of technology needed to help trucks conserve fuel.

Testifying for the bill were Representative St. Onge for Senator Stouffer; and Missouri Motor Carriers Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.