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TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB971 by Perry (Relating to requirements for certain farm vehicles when operating on a highway.), **As Introduced**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Transportation Code to include motor vehicles that are designed or modified and used exclusively to deliver and spread fertilizer and livestock feed in the definition of "implement of husbandry." The bill would provide a vehicle width limitation exception for these vehicles when operating on a public highway under certain conditions established under current law.

Based on the information provided by the Department of Transportation and Department of Public Safety, it is assumed implementation of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal or operational impact to the state.

Note: The Department of Public Safety indicates that new exemptions and/or definitions for certain vehicles under the provisions of the bill could conflict with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) regulations regarding Commercial Motor Vehicles, which could result in the loss of federal Motor Carrier Safety Assurance Program funds.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 601 Department of Transportation, 608 Department of Motor Vehicles

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