

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
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TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: SB1171 by Nichols (Relating to the operation of certain oversize or overweight vehicles transporting timber, timber products, or forestry equipment on certain public roadways.),
Committee Report 1st House, Substituted

<p>No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</p>
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The bill would amend the Transportation Code to authorize a vehicle operating under a permit to transport timber to operate under the conditions of that permit over certain state roads for which the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) has set a maximum weight limit or certain county roads for which the count commissioner's court has set a maximum weight limit. The bill would exempt from certain vehicle width limitations a vehicle used to transport a vehicle or equipment used in the harvesting and production of timber. The bill would reduce the fee for an annual timber permit from \$1,500 to \$900.

Based on the information provided by TxDOT and the Department of Motor Vehicles, it is assumed the provisions of the bill would not result in a significant fiscal impact to the state.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 608 Department of Motor Vehicles, 601 Department of Transportation

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