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| BILL ANALYSIS |

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| H.B. 946 |
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| Transportation |
| Committee Report (Unamended) |

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| **BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE**  Interested parties contend that a broader range of trailer sizes should be exempt from certain vehicle inspection requirements. H.B. 946 seeks to address this issue by revising the gross weight of a trailer that qualifies for the exemption. |
| **CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPACT**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly create a criminal offense, increase the punishment for an existing criminal offense or category of offenses, or change the eligibility of a person for community supervision, parole, or mandatory supervision. |
| **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**  It is the committee's opinion that this bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, department, agency, or institution. |
| **ANALYSIS**  H.B. 946 amends the Transportation Code to change from 4,500 pounds or less to 7,500 pounds or less the actual gross weight or registered gross weight of a trailer, semitrailer, pole trailer, or mobile home that qualifies such a vehicle for the exemption from statutory provisions relating to the compulsory inspection of vehicles. |
| **EFFECTIVE DATE**  September 1, 2017. |