



**HB 563 would take this control away from the counties for vehicles only carrying the following:**

- Meats or agricultural crop products originating from a farm to first market;
- Livestock or poultry from their point of origin to first market;
- Primary forest products originating from their points of origin to first market; or
- Supplies, materials, or equipment necessary to carry out a farming operation engaged in the production of agricultural crop products, meats, livestock, or poultry.

The 80,000 lbs. is the maximum legal weight including load that may be carried without any oversize or overweight permits on state roads. This is inclusive of what is commonly referred to as semis or tractor-trailers and is limited to those trucks carrying the items listed above. In comparison the average automobile weights somewhere around 5,000 pounds.

Both the Kentucky Truckers Association and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet expressed concerns regarding allowing these heavy vehicles on county roads. There are county roads that are inappropriate for 80,000 lb. trucks. Some county roads become nothing more than narrow gravel paths at certain points. Drivers of large trucks could find themselves on a road with minimal lateral clearance and insufficient structure to support the vehicle weight. They could also become stuck if there is not enough room to turnaround. Damage to county roads and bridges could be significant as well.

Fiscal courts would lose revenue generated from the issuance of special permits. To receive the special permit, the trucker would agree to provide an equitable apportionment of the incremental cost for maintaining those roads and bridges on which he or she will be operating on in the form of a fee as set by the fiscal court.

**Part III: Differences to Local Government Mandate Statement from Prior Versions**

Part II pertains to the bill as introduced. No prior versions of the bill have been introduced necessitating Part III to be completed at this time.

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