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Senate Bill 218 – Vehicle Weight Limits Sectional Summary

Section 1

- Amends AS 19.10.065 by adding a new subsection (d) that sets a gross weight limit of 140,000 pounds without a permit in accordance with this section, and subsection (e), which provides that the Alaska State Department of Transportation shall charge a fee for a permit to exceed said weight.

Section 2

- Amends AS 19.10.065 subsection (a), which excludes implements of husbandry from restrictions under AS 19.10.060 or the weight limit provided by Section 1 unless the implement is another vehicle. Under the discretion of the Department of Transportation, implements of husbandry may be operated on state highways without a permit.

Section 3

- Amends AS 45.75.131 subsection (a) to provide that a peace officer or employee of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities with the permission of the Commissioner of Transportation may issue a citation to those who:
 - violate (1) a weight, size or load limitation adopted by DOT under AS 19.10.060
 - violate the terms of an overweight vehicle permit
 - violates regulations under AS 19.10.060(b) or (c), AS 28.05.011(a)(2), or AS 45.75.050(b)(5)
 - violate the weight limit in AS 19.10.060(d)
 - commit a violation under AS 45.75.380

Section 4

- Provides an effective date of June 30, 2024 for changes proposed in this legislation.