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STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Bill Version: HB 78

Publish Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: Farm implements on highways

Agency Affected: Comm. & Econ. Dev.

BRU: Measurement Standards

Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_

Components: \_\_\_\_\_

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS, CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

CAPITAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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REVENUE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)

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Date: April 14, 1987

Approved by Commissioner: J. Anthony Smith, Commissioner  
Agency: Department of Commerce and Economic Development

Date: April 14, 1987

Distribution (by preparer):

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- Requestor
- Office of Management and Budget
- Impacted Agency(ies)
- Senate Secretary

SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT

FURTHER:

DATE TURNED INTO OFFICE May 12, 1987

Mr. President:

TRANSPORTATION Committee considered CSHB 78 (L&C)

operation of farm equipment on state highways

and recommended:

replace with CS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ )  same title  
 or adopt \_\_\_\_\_ CS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ )  new title

attached amendment(s) and

do pass

do not pass

no recommendation

individual recommendations

further referral to \_\_\_\_\_

letter of intent adopted \_\_\_\_\_

Committee  attached or  adopted fiscal note(s)

new  updated or  previous  
 zero  fiscal impact

MEMBERS SIGNING DO PASS

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

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*[Handwritten signature: David Jones (Do Pass)]*  
Chairman signature and recommendation

Committee Backup Attached

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Mike Miller

FROM: Staff *Jena*

RE: Analysis of CS HB 78(L&C), "An Act relating to the operation of farm equipment on state highways."

DATE: 4/14/87

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Section 1

Amends the current statutory authority of the Department of Commerce and Economic Development to regulate the weight, size, and load of vehicles operating on the State highway system. Adds an exemption which is outlined in section 2 of the bill.

Section 2

Adds a new statutory section allowing implements of husbandry to operate on the State highway system without obtaining a permit. This section also establishes four criteria, for implements up to 12 feet in width, that must be met to qualify for the permit exemption. The implement may only be operated on the highway system during daylight hours. A slow-moving vehicle emblem must be displayed on the rear of the implement. The implement must display a red flag where it affords the greatest visibility. The permit exemption is only good for moves within a 50 mile radius of the implements home base.

Implements that exceed 12 feet in width are eligible for the permit exemption if they meet the four requirements for narrower implements and are preceded by a pilot car during operation on the highway.

Section 3

Adds implements of husbandry to the list of vehicles that are exempt from the motor vehicle registration requirements of AS 28.10.011.

*Sectional Analysis*



Dept. of Transportation & Public Facilities

# Position Paper

**BILL NO:** HB 78

**APPROVED:** Mark S. Hickey <sup>MSS</sup>  
Commissioner

**TITLE:** An Act Relating to the Operation  
of Farm Equipment on State Highways

**DATE:**

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The proposed legislation would considerably relax existing restrictions concerning the movement of farm equipment on state highways.

The legislation does not directly impact the department, but could create unsafe conditions for other highway users as noted below:

- (1) For "daylight hours", certain restrictions should apply to prevent movement where high-speed traffic conditions exist. "Daylight hours" should also be defined as in the existing DCED Permit Manual.
- (2) A permit should always be required in order to apply any load controls for a particular piece of equipment in a given area.
- (3) "Oversize" signs and flashing lights should be required for those slow moving pieces of equipment the same as would be required for any other wide-load move - especially as most rural farm state routes have limited sight distance.
- (4) Since most rural state roads have driving lanes less than twelve feet in width, any movement of slow farm equipment over ten feet in width should have at least one pilot car.
- (5) By allowing farm implements of widths greater than 8 1/2 feet to use highways without a permit there would be no way of revoking their movement if safety problems result. A revocation section should be added to the existing proposal.

In summary, since the department is concerned with providing safe facilities for the motoring public, we feel the above items should be considered in the development of your legislation. Most of the above information was taken from the attached Washington regulations.

For further information call Susan Fleischhauer at 465-3900.

Position Paper DOT

**STATE OF ALASKA 1987 LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FISCAL NOTE**

Bill Version : HB 78  
Publish Date : 1/28/87

**REQUEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

Revision Date: 4-9-87  
Title: Operation of Farm Equipment  
On State Highways  
Sponsor: Miller  
Requestor: Donley

Agency Affected : \_\_\_\_\_  
BRI: \_\_\_\_\_  
Components : \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)**

OPERATING	FY 87	FY 88	FY 89	FY 90	FY 91	FY 92
PERSONAL SERVICES						
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<b>CAPITAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>

**FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)**

GENERAL FUND						
FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>-0-</b>

**POSITIONS:**

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

**ANALYSIS : (Attach a separate page if necessary)**

This bill has no fiscal impact to the Department of  
Transportation & Public Facilities

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Approved by Commissioner: *M. L. & H.* Date: 4/13/87  
Agency: DOT&PF

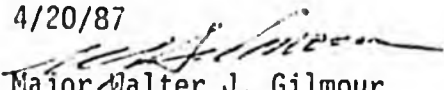
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BILL NO: CSHB 78 (L&C)

DATE: 4/20/87

TITLE: "An Act relating to the operation of farm equipment on state highways."

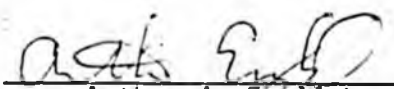
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Acting Director  
Alaska State Troopers

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY  
POSITION PAPER

To allow for movement of farm equipment upon roadways and provide guidelines, requirements, and restrictions for such movements.

This version of HB 78 contains no changes which alter the original position of the Division of Alaska State Troopers. It clarifies AS 19.10.065(B)(1) as to daylight hours, (3) as to placement of the red flag and (4) limits distance allowed to within 50 miles from home base. All of these changes are of a positive nature and make the statute more easily understood.

The Division of Alaska State Troopers is neutral on this legislation.

  
Arthur A. English  
Commissioner

Position Paper: Dept of Public Safety

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Revision Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: "An Act relating to the operation of farm equipment on highways."  
Sponsor: Rep. Miller  
Requestor: House Transportation

Agency Affected: Public Safety  
BRU: Alaska State Troopers

Components: Detachments & CIB

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

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TOTAL OPERATING		0	0	0	0	0
CAPITAL						
REVENUE						

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FEDERAL FUNDS						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME		0	0	0	0	0
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

No fiscal impact is anticipated.

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Division: Alaska State Troopers

Date: 4/20/87

Approved by Commissioner: Arthur English

Date: 4/23/87

Agency: Public Safety

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