

CLEARANCES	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To
Orig. Dept.: County Council	11/30/2000	RECEIVED NOV 30 2000 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	12/12/2000	Public Works
Division Head:				
Dept. Head:				
Prosecutor:				
Budget:				
Executive:				

SUBJECT:

Support for safer highways

ATTACHMENTS

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

Related County Contract #:	Should the Clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N)	Requested Date:
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Support for safer highways

RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

2000 - 409 12/12/2000: Motion to send resolution of support approved 4-3, Imhof, Nelson, Crawford opposed - Res. #2000-053

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

RES. # 2000-053

trucklengthres

Proposed by: Dawson
Sponsored by: Consent
Introduction Date: 12/12/2000

RESOLUTION NO. 2000-053

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO LIFTING CURRENT FREEZE ON TRUCK LENGTH AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, attempts will be made to increase the size and weight of trucks as part of the re-authorization of the highway bill in the 107th Congress – a bill known as the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century or TEA 21; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council acknowledges the importance of transportation issues to the mining, manufacturing, logging and paper making industries in Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, trucking industry representatives have expressed the desire to end the current federal freeze on the operation of longer combination vehicles; and

WHEREAS, removing the freeze opens the door to an increase in truck length and weight to allow triple trailers, longer double trailers and heavier single trailers; and

WHEREAS, increasing the size of tractor-trailers will worsen an already severe national problem of deteriorating, crowded highways and bridges, raising the costs of maintenance and repair; and

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes there are safety concerns relative to longer tractor trailers and heavier gross weights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Whatcom County Council does hereby oppose the efforts of the trucking industry to remove the federal freeze on the operation of longer combination vehicles and does oppose any efforts to allow triple-length, longer double, and heavier single trailers on the roads and highways of Washington.

APPROVED this 12 day of December, 2000.

ATTEST:



Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Marlene Dawson, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Civil Deputy Prosecutor