

HOUSE BILL NO. 681

INTRODUCED BY SIVERTSEN, KEYSER, MARKS, GRAHAM, KROPP, MENAHAN

IN THE HOUSE

February 7, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
February 10, 1981	Fiscal note requested.
February 12, 1981	Fiscal note returned.
February 14, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 16, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 18, 1981	Second reading, do pass.
February 19, 1981	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 20, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 100; Noes, 0. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

February 21, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 11, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 12, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 14, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 44; Noes, 3.

IN THE HOUSE

March 17, 1981

Returned from Senate.  
Concurred in.

March 20, 1981

Sent to enrolling.  
Reported correctly enrolled.

1 *Hump*  
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Senator Guy Alex Mark Lockman*  
 3 *Meridian*

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADOPTING THE MULTISTATE  
5 HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT."

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7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

8 Section 1. Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement  
9 -- enactment and text. The Multistate Highway Transportation  
10 Agreement is hereby enacted into law and entered into with  
11 all other jurisdictions legally joining therein in the form  
12 substantially as follows:

13 MULTISTATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

14 Pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of their  
15 respective jurisdictions, the participating jurisdictions,  
16 acting by and through their officials lawfully authorized to  
17 execute this agreement, do mutually agree as follows:

18 Article I. Findings and Purposes

19 Section 1. Findings. The participating jurisdictions  
20 find that:

- 21 (a) the expanding regional economy depends on
- 22 expanding transportation capacity;
- 23 (b) highway transportation is the major mode for
- 24 movement of people and goods in the western states;
- 25 (c) uniform application in the West of more adequate

1 vehicle size and weight standards will result in a reduction  
2 of pollution, congestion, fuel consumption, and related  
3 transportation costs, which are necessary to permit  
4 increased productivity;

5 (d) a number of western states, already having adopted  
6 substantially the 1964 bureau of public roads recommended  
7 vehicle size and weight standards, still find current  
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10 did not contain any substantial improvements for vehicle  
11 size and weight standards in the western states and deprives  
12 states of interstate matching money if vehicle weights and  
13 widths are increased, even though the interstate system is  
14 nearly 92% complete; and

15 (f) the participating jurisdictions are most capable  
16 of developing vehicle size and weight standards most  
17 appropriate for the regional economy and transportation  
18 requirements, consistent with and in recognition of  
19 principles of highway safety.

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21 are to:

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- 23 jurisdiction should have the freedom to develop vehicle size
- 24 and weight standards that it determines to be most
- 25 appropriate to its economy and highway system;

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2 vehicles traveling between two or more participating  
3 jurisdictions at more adequate size and weight standards;

4 (c) promote uniformity among participating  
5 jurisdictions in vehicle size and weight standards on the  
6 basis of the objectives set forth in this agreement;

7 (d) secure uniformity, insofar as possible, of  
8 administrative procedures in the enforcement of recommended  
9 vehicle size and weight standards;

10 (e) provide means for the encouragement and  
11 utilization of research that will facilitate the achievement  
12 of the foregoing purposes, with due regard for the findings  
13 set forth in section 1 of this article.

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17 other person authorized to represent the jurisdiction;

18 (b) "jurisdiction" means a state of the United States  
19 or the District of Columbia;

20 (c) "vehicle" means any vehicle as defined by statute  
21 to be subject to size and weight standards that operates in  
22 two or more participating jurisdictions.

#### 23 Article III. General Provisions

##### 24 Section 1. Qualifications for membership.

25 Participation in this agreement is open to jurisdictions

1 that subscribe to the findings, purposes, and objectives of  
2 this agreement and will seek legislation necessary to  
3 accomplish these objectives.

4 Section 2. Cooperation. The participating  
5 jurisdictions, working through their designated  
6 representatives, shall cooperate and assist each other in  
7 achieving the desired goals of this agreement pursuant to  
8 appropriate statutory authority.

9 Section 3. Effect of headings. Article and section  
10 headings contained herein may not be considered to govern,  
11 limit, modify, or in any manner affect the scope, meaning,  
12 or intent of the provisions of any article or section  
13 hereof.

14 Section 4. Vehicle laws and regulations. This  
15 agreement does not authorize the operation of a vehicle in  
16 any participating jurisdiction contrary to the laws or  
17 regulations thereof.

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19 regarding interpretation of questions at issue relating to  
20 this agreement shall be reached by unanimous joint action of  
21 the participating jurisdictions, acting through the  
22 designated representatives. Results of all such actions  
23 shall be placed in writing.

24 Section 6. Amendment. This agreement may be amended by  
25 unanimous joint action of the participating jurisdictions,

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2 into this agreement, subject to the requirements of section  
3 4, Article III. Any amendment shall be placed in writing  
4 and become a part hereof.

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6 Any jurisdiction entering this agreement shall provide each  
7 other participating jurisdiction with a list of any  
8 restriction, condition, or limitation on the general terms  
9 of this agreement, if any.

10 Section 8. Additional jurisdictions. Additional  
11 jurisdictions may become members of this agreement by  
12 signing and accepting the terms of the agreement.

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14 Section 1. Pursuant to section 2, Article III, the  
15 designated representatives of the participating  
16 jurisdictions shall constitute a committee that shall have  
17 the power to:

18 (a) collect, correlate, analyze, and evaluate  
19 information resulting or derivable from research and testing  
20 activities in relation to vehicle size and weight related  
21 matters;

22 (b) recommend and encourage the undertaking of  
23 research and testing in any aspect of vehicle size and  
24 weight or related matter when, in their collective judgment,  
25 appropriate or sufficient research or testing has not been

1 undertaken;

2 (c) recommend changes in law or policy with emphasis  
3 on compatibility of laws and uniformity of administrative  
4 rules that would promote effective governmental action or  
5 coordination in the field of vehicle size and weight related  
6 matters.

7 Section 2. Each participating jurisdiction shall be  
8 entitled to one vote only. No action of the committee shall  
9 be binding unless a majority of the total number of votes  
10 cast by participating jurisdictions are in favor thereof.

11 Section 3. The committee shall meet at least once  
12 annually and shall elect, from among its members, a  
13 chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary.

14 Section 4. The committee shall submit annually to the  
15 legislature of each participating jurisdiction, no later  
16 than November 1, a report setting forth the work of the  
17 committee during the preceding year and including  
18 recommendations developed by the committee. The committee  
19 may submit such additional reports as it considers  
20 appropriate or desirable. Copies of all such reports shall  
21 be made available to the transportation committee of the  
22 western conference, council of state governments, and to the  
23 western association of state highway and transportation  
24 officials.

25 Article V. Objectives of the

1                   Participating Jurisdictions

2           Section 1. Objectives. The participating jurisdictions  
3 hereby declare that:

4           (a) it is the objective of the participating  
5 jurisdictions to obtain more efficient and more economical  
6 transportation by motor vehicles between and among the  
7 participating jurisdictions by encouraging the adoption of  
8 standards that will, as minimums, allow the operation on all  
9 state highways, except those determined through engineering  
10 evaluation to be inadequate, with a single-axle weight not  
11 in excess of 20,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight not in  
12 excess of 34,000 pounds, and a gross vehicle or combination  
13 weight not in excess of that resulting from application of  
14 the formula:

$$15 \quad W = 500\{(LN/N - 1) + 12N + 36\}$$

16 where W = maximum weight in pounds carried on any group of  
17 two or computed to nearest 500 pounds;

18 L = distance in feet between the extremes of any  
19 group of two or more consecutive axles;

20 N = number of axles in group under consideration;

21           (b) it is the further objective of the participating  
22 jurisdictions that in the event the operation of a vehicle  
23 or combination of vehicles according to the provisions of  
24 subsection (a) of this section would result in withholding  
25 or forfeiture of federal-aid funds pursuant to section 127,

1 Title 23, U.S. Code, the operation of such vehicle or  
2 combination of vehicles at axle and gross weights within the  
3 limits set forth in subsection (a) of this section will be  
4 authorized under special permit authority by each  
5 participating jurisdiction that could legally issue such  
6 permits prior to July 1, 1956, provided all regulations and  
7 procedures related to such issuance in effect as of July 1,  
8 1956, are adhered to;

9           (c) the objectives of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
10 section relate to vehicles or combinations of vehicles in  
11 regular operation, and the authority of any participating  
12 jurisdiction to issue special permits for the movement of  
13 any vehicle or combinations of vehicles having dimensions  
14 and/or weights in excess of the maximum statutory limits in  
15 each participating jurisdiction will not be affected;

16           (d) it is the further objective of the participating  
17 jurisdictions to facilitate and expedite the operation of  
18 any vehicle or combination of vehicles between and among the  
19 participating jurisdictions under the provisions of  
20 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, and to that end the  
21 participating jurisdictions hereby agree, through their  
22 designated representatives, to meet and cooperate in the  
23 consideration of vehicle size and weight related matters  
24 including but not limited to the development of uniform  
25 enforcement procedures; additional vehicle size and weight

1 standards; operational standards; agreements or compacts to  
 2 facilitate regional application and administration of  
 3 vehicle size and weight standards; uniform permit  
 4 procedures; uniform application forms; rules for the  
 5 operation of vehicles, including equipment requirements,  
 6 driver qualifications, and operating practices; and such  
 7 other matters as may be pertinent;

8 (e) in recognition of the limited prospects of federal  
 9 revision of section 127, Title 23, U.S. Code, and in order  
 10 to protect participating jurisdictions against any  
 11 possibility of withholding or forfeiture of federal-aid  
 12 highway funds, it is the further objective of the  
 13 participating jurisdictions to secure congressional approval  
 14 of this agreement and specifically of the vehicle size and  
 15 weight standards set forth in subsection (a) of this  
 16 section;

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 18 uniformity of size and weight regulations, it is the further  
 19 objective to encourage development of broad, uniform size  
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 21 procedures adopted under this agreement be compatible with  
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1 Thereafter, this agreement shall become effective as to any  
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4 Section 2. Any participating jurisdiction may withdraw  
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 7 designated representative of the withdrawing jurisdiction  
 8 has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to all other  
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10 Article VII. Construction and Severability

11 Section 1. This agreement shall be liberally construed  
 12 so as to effectuate the purposes thereof.

13 Section 2. The provisions of this agreement shall be  
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 15 of this agreement is declared to be contrary to the  
 16 constitution of any participating jurisdiction or the  
 17 applicability thereto to any government, agency, person, or  
 18 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder  
 19 of this agreement shall not be affected thereby. If this  
 20 agreement shall be held contrary to the constitution of any  
 21 jurisdiction participating herein, the agreement shall  
 22 remain in full force and effect as to the jurisdictions  
 23 affected as to all severable matters.

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1 and rules promulgated thereunder and interpretations thereof  
2 shall be filed in the highway department in each  
3 participating jurisdiction and shall be made available for  
4 review by interested parties.

5 Article IX. Existing Statutes Not Repealed

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7 and size standards and all existing statutes relating to  
8 special permits shall continue to be of force and effect  
9 until amended or repealed by law.

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12 Section 1. Within appropriations available therefor,  
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15 committee within the scope contemplated by Article IV,  
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17 agencies, and officers of the government of this state are  
18 authorized generally to cooperate with said cooperating  
19 committee.

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## STATE OF MONTANA

REQUEST NO. \_\_\_\_\_

## FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received Feb. 10, 19 81, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for HB 681 pursuant to Title 5, Chapter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA). Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is available from the Office of Budget and Program Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.

Description

HB 681 is an act to adopt the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement.

Assumptions

It is assumed that one person would attend one annual meeting at an undetermined location to serve as Montana's representative on the Multistate Highway Transportation Committee.

	<u>82</u>	<u>83</u>
1. Transportation costs -		
est. 2000 miles	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00
2. Meals, Lodging, etc. 5 days	<u>300.00</u>	<u>350.00</u>
Estimated annual cost	\$ 800.00	\$ 900.00

Costs are unknown for administration, study, or research resulting from committee action.

*David M. Leurs*

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

Date: 2-12-81

1 *Krupp*  
 2 *Mendenhall* HOUSE BILL NO. 681  
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3 jurisdictions at more adequate size and weight standards;

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5 jurisdictions in vehicle size and weight standards on the  
6 basis of the objectives set forth in this agreement;

7 (d) secure uniformity, insofar as possible, of  
8 administrative procedures in the enforcement of recommended  
9 vehicle size and weight standards;

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11 utilization of research that will facilitate the achievement  
12 of the foregoing purposes, with due regard for the findings  
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22 two or more participating jurisdictions.

23 Article III. General Provisions

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25 Participation in this agreement is open to jurisdictions

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2 this agreement and will seek legislation necessary to  
3 accomplish these objectives.

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8 appropriate statutory authority.

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12 or intent of the provisions of any article or section  
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22 designated representatives. Results of all such actions  
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2 into this agreement, subject to the requirements of section  
3 4, Article III. Any amendment shall be placed in writing  
4 and become a part hereof.

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7 other participating jurisdiction with a list of any  
8 restriction, condition, or limitation on the general terms  
9 of this agreement, if any.

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12 signing and accepting the terms of the agreement.

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19 information resulting or derivable from research and testing  
20 activities in relation to vehicle size and weight related  
21 matters;

22 (b) recommend and encourage the undertaking of  
23 research and testing in any aspect of vehicle size and  
24 weight or related matter when, in their collective judgment,  
25 appropriate or sufficient research or testing has not been

1 undertaken;

2 (c) recommend changes in law or policy with emphasis  
3 on compatibility of laws and uniformity of administrative  
4 rules that would promote effective governmental action or  
5 coordination in the field of vehicle size and weight related  
6 matters.

7 Section 2. Each participating jurisdiction shall be  
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9 be binding unless a majority of the total number of votes  
10 cast by participating jurisdictions are in favor thereof.

11 Section 3. The committee shall meet at least once  
12 annually and shall elect, from among its members, a  
13 chairman, a vice-chairman, and a secretary.

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15 legislature of each participating jurisdiction, no later  
16 than November 1, a report setting forth the work of the  
17 committee during the preceding year and including  
18 recommendations developed by the committee. The committee  
19 may submit such additional reports as it considers  
20 appropriate or desirable. Copies of all such reports shall  
21 be made available to the transportation committee of the  
22 western conference, council of state governments, and to the  
23 western association of state highway and transportation  
24 officials.

25 Article V. Objectives of the

1                   **Participating Jurisdictions**

2           **Section 1. Objectives.** The participating jurisdictions  
3 hereby declare that:

4           **(a)** it is the objective of the participating  
5 jurisdictions to obtain more efficient and more economical  
6 transportation by motor vehicles between and among the  
7 participating jurisdictions by encouraging the adoption of  
8 standards that will, as minimums, allow the operation on all  
9 state highways, except those determined through engineering  
10 evaluation to be inadequate, with a single-axle weight not  
11 in excess of 20,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight not in  
12 excess of 34,000 pounds, and a gross vehicle or combination  
13 weight not in excess of that resulting from application of  
14 the formula:

$$15 \quad W = 500\{(LN/N - 1) + 12N + 36\}$$

16 where W = maximum weight in pounds carried on any group of  
17 two or computed to nearest 500 pounds;

18 L = distance in feet between the extremes of any  
19 group of two or more consecutive axles;

20 N = number of axles in group under consideration;

21           **(b)** it is the further objective of the participating  
22 jurisdictions that in the event the operation of a vehicle  
23 or combination of vehicles according to the provisions of  
24 subsection (a) of this section would result in withholding  
25 or forfeiture of federal-aid funds pursuant to section 127,

1 Title 23, U.S. Code, the operation of such vehicle or  
2 combination of vehicles at axle and gross weights within the  
3 limits set forth in subsection (a) of this section will be  
4 authorized under special permit authority by each  
5 participating jurisdiction that could legally issue such  
6 permits prior to July 1, 1956, provided all regulations and  
7 procedures related to such issuance in effect as of July 1,  
8 1956, are adhered to;

9           **(c)** the objectives of subsections (a) and (b) of this  
10 section relate to vehicles or combinations of vehicles in  
11 regular operation, and the authority of any participating  
12 jurisdiction to issue special permits for the movement of  
13 any vehicle or combinations of vehicles having dimensions  
14 and/or weights in excess of the maximum statutory limits in  
15 each participating jurisdiction will not be affected;

16           **(d)** it is the further objective of the participating  
17 jurisdictions to facilitate and expedite the operation of  
18 any vehicle or combination of vehicles between and among the  
19 participating jurisdictions under the provisions of  
20 subsection (a) or (b) of this section, and to that end the  
21 participating jurisdictions hereby agree, through their  
22 designated representatives, to meet and cooperate in the  
23 consideration of vehicle size and weight related matters  
24 including but not limited to the development of uniform  
25 enforcement procedures; additional vehicle size and weight

1 standards; operational standards; agreements or compacts to  
 2 facilitate regional application and administration of  
 3 vehicle size and weight standards; uniform permit  
 4 procedures; uniform application forms; rules for the  
 5 operation of vehicles, including equipment requirements,  
 6 driver qualifications, and operating practices; and such  
 7 other matters as may be pertinent;

8 (e) in recognition of the limited prospects of federal  
 9 revision of section 127, Title 23, U.S. Code, and in order  
 10 to protect participating jurisdictions against any  
 11 possibility of withholding or forfeiture of federal-aid  
 12 highway funds, it is the further objective of the  
 13 participating jurisdictions to secure congressional approval  
 14 of this agreement and specifically of the vehicle size and  
 15 weight standards set forth in subsection (a) of this  
 16 section;

17 (f) in recognition of desire for a degree of national  
 18 uniformity of size and weight regulations, it is the further  
 19 objective to encourage development of broad, uniform size  
 20 and weight standards on a national basis and further that  
 21 procedures adopted under this agreement be compatible with  
 22 national standards.

23 Article VI. Entry into Force and Withdrawal

24 Section 1. This agreement shall enter into force when  
 25 enacted into law by any two or more jurisdictions.

1 Thereafter, this agreement shall become effective as to any  
 2 other jurisdiction upon its enactment thereof, except as  
 3 otherwise provided in section 8, Article III.

4 Section 2. Any participating jurisdiction may withdraw  
 5 from this agreement by canceling the same but no such  
 6 withdrawal shall take effect until 30 days after the  
 7 designated representative of the withdrawing jurisdiction  
 8 has given notice in writing of the withdrawal to all other  
 9 participating jurisdictions.

10 Article VII. Construction and Severability

11 Section 1. This agreement shall be liberally construed  
 12 so as to effectuate the purposes thereof.

13 Section 2. The provisions of this agreement shall be  
 14 severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, or provision  
 15 of this agreement is declared to be contrary to the  
 16 constitution of any participating jurisdiction or the  
 17 applicability thereto to any government, agency, person, or  
 18 circumstance is held invalid, the validity of the remainder  
 19 of this agreement shall not be affected thereby. If this  
 20 agreement shall be held contrary to the constitution of any  
 21 jurisdiction participating herein, the agreement shall  
 22 remain in full force and effect as to the jurisdictions  
 23 affected as to all severable matters.

24 Article VIII. Filing of Documents

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1 and rules promulgated thereunder and interpretations thereof  
2 shall be filed in the highway department in each  
3 participating jurisdiction and shall be made available for  
4 review by interested parties.

5 Article IX. Existing Statutes Not Repealed

6 Section 1. All existing statutes prescribing weight  
7 and size standards and all existing statutes relating to  
8 special permits shall continue to be of force and effect  
9 until amended or repealed by law.

10 Article X. State Government Departments

11 Authorized to Cooperate With Cooperating Committee

12 Section 1. Within appropriations available therefor,  
13 the departments, agencies, and officers of the government of  
14 this state shall cooperate with and assist the cooperating  
15 committee within the scope contemplated by Article IV,  
16 sections 1(a) and 1(b) of the agreement. The departments,  
17 agencies, and officers of the government of this state are  
18 authorized generally to cooperate with said cooperating  
19 committee.

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HOUSE BILL NO. 681

INTRODUCED BY SIVERTSEN, KEYSER, MARKS, GRAHAM,

KROPP, MENAHAN

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ADOPTING THE MULTISTATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement

-- enactment and text. The Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement is hereby enacted into law and entered into with all other jurisdictions legally joining therein in the form substantially as follows:

MULTISTATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Pursuant to and in conformity with the laws of their respective jurisdictions, the participating jurisdictions, acting by and through their officials lawfully authorized to execute this agreement, do mutually agree as follows:

Article I. Findings and Purposes

Section 1. Findings. The participating jurisdictions find that:

(a) the expanding regional economy depends on expanding transportation capacity;

(b) highway transportation is the major mode for movement of people and goods in the western states;

(c) uniform application in the West of more adequate vehicle size and weight standards will result in a reduction of pollution, congestion, fuel consumption, and related transportation costs, which are necessary to permit increased productivity;

(d) a number of western states, already having adopted substantially the 1964 bureau of public roads recommended vehicle size and weight standards, still find current federal limits more restrictive;

(e) the 1974 revision of federal law (23 U.S.C. 127) did not contain any substantial improvements for vehicle size and weight standards in the western states and deprives states of interstate matching money if vehicle weights and widths are increased, even though the interstate system is nearly 92% complete; and

(f) the participating jurisdictions are most capable of developing vehicle size and weight standards most appropriate for the regional economy and transportation requirements, consistent with and in recognition of principles of highway safety.

Section 2. Purposes. The purposes of this agreement are to:

(a) adhere to the principle that each participating jurisdiction should have the freedom to develop vehicle size and weight standards that it determines to be most

1 appropriate to its economy and highway system;

2 (b) establish a system authorizing the operation of

3 vehicles traveling between two or more participating

4 jurisdictions at more adequate size and weight standards;

5 (c) promote uniformity among participating

6 jurisdictions in vehicle size and weight standards on the

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19 authorized generally to cooperate with said cooperating  
20 committee.

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