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HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS

Bill: Senate File 153 House Committee: PAS
Committee: Transportation House Floor: PAS
Floor Manager: Rep. Shannon Latham Senate Floor: PAS

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Staff: Brad Trow (1-3471)

House Committee: PASSED 20-0 (2/1/2023)
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Governor: SIGNED (2/15/2023)

Special Permits for Over-sized Loads

- Iowa Code allows the Department of Transportation and local officials to issue permits for moving vehicles that exceed the Code's limits on weights and dimensions. One of the situations when the issuance of these permits is for loads that cannot be divided. The permit is for a single trip during special or emergency situations.
- Senate File 153 would add gross weight, axle weight, and dolly axle distance to the items that the
 permit-issuing authority can exempt when issuing overweight permits for special or emergency
 situations.

Section by Section Analysis

Section 1 – Iowa Code section 321E.9 (2)

The section amends Iowa Code section 321E.9 (2) by expanding existing authority to allow the Iowa DOT and local agencies to declare a special or emergency situation and exempt certain requirements for overweight permit. The new language would add gross weight, axle weight and dolly axle distance to what can be exempted in special or emergency situations.