



AB595

Assembly Bill 595 is currently being debated by the Nevada Legislature. AB595 includes a weight/distance tax proposed on trucks over 55,000 pounds declared vehicle weight. *This proposal would **disproportionately impact the trucking industry** to the detriment of every industry in Nevada.*

According to the American Transportation Research Institute, trucks represent only 8% of all vehicle miles traveled in Nevada. However, trucks pay 37% of all state and federal highway taxes and user fees. Trucks already pay their full share of taxes. *This proposed tax would be in addition to those currently collected and would make **truckers pay more than any other state.***

Specific reasons to oppose the weight/distance tax:

- The proposed tax (15 cents per mile traveled in Nevada) equals a **90 cent per gallon increase** in fuel tax for a truck which gets 6 miles per gallon. For more efficient trucks with higher mpg, it would be even higher.
- A weight/distance tax is expensive to implement and administer. An entire bureaucracy would need to be created, funded and staffed to receive, administer and audit the needed reports.
- A weight/distance tax relies on self-reporting and is subject to evasion. *Evasion rates in Oregon are over 30%. Oregon is one of only four states with a weight distance tax. Twenty states have had this tax and repealed it.*
- A weight/distance tax would place Nevada industries at a competitive disadvantage to our neighboring states.
- Nevada's efforts to diversify and economically develop will be damaged. Many companies have selected Nevada for warehouse and distribution facilities, most of which rely on trucks to move their products.
- Weight/distance taxes disproportionately hurt rural economies, particularly those which depend on farming, ranching and mining.

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