



## INDUSTRIES POTENTIALLY HARMED BY A WEIGHT/DISTANCE TAX

### ***Agriculture***

- Dairy farms would be especially hard hit because their prices are regulated and controlled and cannot be increased to make up for increased expenses.
- Commodity farmers (hay, beef, onions, grain) have prices based on futures trading and cannot easily increase prices, particularly in a region like Nevada where the commodity is traded nationally.

### ***Mining***

- Mineral prices are fixed on an international basis. Mines in Nevada are subject to market controls entirely outside our state and cannot unilaterally increase prices.

### ***Manufacturing***

- Manufacturers face increasing global competition and are often operating on very slim margins. Transportation cost increases will force plant owners to consider whether to remain in Nevada or relocate to another state or another country.

### ***Warehouse and Distribution***

- An essential part of Nevada's economic diversification efforts, warehouse and distribution deals often revolve around pennies per square foot. One estimate for a 100,000 sq. foot warehouse showed this transportation cost increase would amount to over 15 cents additional per sq. foot. This could destroy a pending deal.

### ***Tourism***

- The tourism industry would be hurt in numerous ways. Beer and liquor distributors, convention equipment and exhibition operators, performance staging and equipment purveyors as well as any other supply that comes by truck would be negatively affected.

### ***Retail***

- Everyday goods, the necessities of life such as food, clothing, medicines and other important items rely on trucking for transport. These items would all become more expensive for Nevadans if this tax is imposed.

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