

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2018**  
**COMMITTEE STATEMENT**  
**LB980**

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**Hearing Date:** Tuesday January 30, 2018  
**Committee On:** Transportation and Telecommunications  
**Introducer:** Watermeier  
**One Liner:** Provide for issuance of permits for divisible loads of hay bales

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**Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:**  
Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

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**Vote Results:**

**Aye:** 8 Senators Bostelman, Briese, Friesen, Geist, Hilgers, Hughes, Murante, Smith  
**Nay:**  
**Absent:**  
**Present Not Voting:**

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**Verbal Testimony:**

**Proponents:**

Senator Dan Watermeier  
Alan Hanke  
Terry Keebler

**Representing:**

District 1  
A & L Transportation, Inc.  
Farm Bureau

**Opponents:**

**Representing:**

**Neutral:**

**Representing:**

**Summary of purpose and/or changes:**

This bill would allow a special permit exceeding the maximum size, weight, or load of a vehicle issued by the Department of Transportation, State Patrol, or local authorities for divisible loads of hay bales. The permit would only be available for transportation during daylight hours and the loads could not exceed twelve feet in width. Also, the permit would not allow transport on holidays.

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**Explanation of amendments:**

The committee amendment strikes "hay bales" and inserts "livestock forage in bale form." Livestock forage is the term currently used by the Nebraska Department of Transportation in its permitting process for state highways.

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Curt Friesen, Chairperson