

**Subject** Forest products special permit

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## Summary

This bill creates a new special permit type for overdimensional loads, to allow for overweight and over-width transport of raw or unfinished forest products. It amends an existing forest products special permit provision to:

- establish two distinct forms of special permits for raw and unprocessed forest products, composed of (1) the existing permit to operate six-axle vehicles at a higher gross weight, and (2) a new permit for vehicles to be operated with both a higher weight and a larger width of up to 9 ½ feet (with some restrictions); and
- make a variety of technical changes, including to clarify that a permit must be issued, align the statute with the structure in other special permit provisions, and accommodate the new permit type.

The change is effective August 1, 2023.