

systems. There will be a need for restriction of size and weight on certain areas of the State, Federal Aid, and local road systems because of inadequate capacity of bridge and pavement structures.

The State of Utah, which is responsible for the maintenance of the Federal Aid Systems, will be constrained to protect inadequate highway routes until they can be reconstructed to carry the proposed loadings. New roadway construction designed to accommodate the increased weights is estimated to exceed the cost of current designs by approximately \$1,000 per lane mile. New bridge construction designed to accommodate the increased loadings is estimated to exceed the cost of current designs by approximately 5%.

The State Road Commission of Utah firmly believes that an increase in weight limitations as proposed in this bill is urgently needed to provide for the economic development of this State.

