



State Top Industry Issues Report 2022 Idaho 38 Responses

1. Driver Shortage

- Support outreach initiatives targeted toward high school students and young adults.
- Work with industry insurers to identify ways to expand coverage for younger drivers as part of the Safe Driver Apprenticeship Program.
- Advocate for regulatory changes to allow a state to administer a driving skills test to any out-of-state CDL applicant, regardless of where the applicant received driver training.

2. Fuel Prices

- Advocate for federal actions that help stabilize the supply of fuel and minimize price volatility.
- Research potential factors that may be affecting fuel availability and pricing volatility.

3. Diesel Technician Shortage

- Encourage collaboration between motor carriers and local community colleges / tech schools to promote technician training and placement.
- Identify new training and curriculum needs relating to electric and/or autonomous truck maintenance.

4. Detention / Delay at Customer Facilities

- Quantify the value of "Shipper of Choice" designations for incentivizing shippers to reduce detention times.
- Identify best practices, technologies and strategies that reduce or eliminate driver detention at shipper / receiver facilities.

5. Driver Retention

- Evaluate the impact of truck driver benefits, including health insurance and retirement benefits, on driver retention.
- Research and prioritize retention strategies, based on driver feedback and driver tenure data.
- Quantify the relationship between safety technology deployment (e.g. cameras, speed limiters, active braking systems) and driver satisfaction and retention.

Issues and strategies are listed in order as ranked by Idaho-based respondents.

6. Economy

- Promote reforming / repealing ineffective and burdensome regulations that add to industry costs without providing benefits.
- Advocate for legislation to establish an office within the U.S. Department of Commerce to protect the supply chains of industries critical to the U.S. economy and national security.
- Identify the geo-political and economic vulnerabilities of international supply chains involved in truck parts and equipment manufacturing.

7. Lawsuit Abuse Reform

- Advocate for elimination of “phantom” medical damages.
- Encourage Congress to expand federal court jurisdiction to allow motor carrier defendants to take their highway accident cases into federal court as appropriate.

8. Driver Compensation

- Analyze truck driver compensation in relation to other competing employment sectors (e.g. construction).
- Quantify the relationship between truck driver compensation models and driver satisfaction / productivity.

9. Hours-of-Service

- Assess industry impacts from the June 2020 final HOS rule expanding the short-haul exception to the 150 air-mile radius and extended duty day.
- Analyze how HOS rules might be modified for highly automated trucks, and identify what research and data would be necessary to justify future rule changes.
- Research the safety impacts from the additional sleeper berth flexibility in the June 2020 final HOS rules, as well as the safety impacts of allowing a 3-hour pause of a driver’s 14-hour clock.

10. Automated Truck Technology

- Assess the legal liabilities and insurance implications for fully and semi-autonomous trucks
- Identify truck driver responsibilities that must still be done in a Level 4 driving scenario.
- Work with state and federal agencies to develop interstate standards and policies for seamless use of automated trucks.

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