

## House Resolution No. 6017

By Committee on Transportation

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1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States congress to repeal 23 U.S.C. §  
2 127(d) concerning the federal freeze on more productive trucks and  
3 allow Kansas to determine the appropriate vehicle size and weight  
4 limits necessary for the economic needs of the state.

5 WHEREAS, The United States congress approved 23 U.S.C. § 127(d)  
6 on June 1, 1991, which froze the truck size and weight limits to those  
7 weights and lengths that were being operated at such time; and

8 WHEREAS, Operation of more productive vehicles has been frozen by  
9 federal law for 20 years; and

10 WHEREAS, The custom harvesting industry requested that the  
11 legislature approve additional length for their combination vehicles and  
12 were informed of the federal freeze and the potential loss of federal  
13 highway funds to Kansas should the freeze be violated; and

14 WHEREAS, States should have the flexibility to adopt vehicle size and  
15 weight laws necessary for the economic growth for the state and region;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, The Western Governors' Association has approved a  
18 policy resolution urging congress to lift the freeze on more productive  
19 trucks for the 13 western states: Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Montana,  
20 Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota,  
21 Utah, Washington and Wyoming; and

22 WHEREAS, Any change in vehicle size and weight laws must be  
23 adopted by both the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senate  
24 and approved by the Governor: Now, therefore,

25 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Kansas:*  
26 That we urge the United States congress to repeal 23 U.S.C. § 127(d) and  
27 eliminate the freeze on more productive trucks, thereby allowing Kansas  
28 to respond to new technology and new vehicle size and weight  
29 requirements

30 *Be it further resolved:* That the Chief Clerk of the House of  
31 Representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the  
32 United States secretary of transportation and each member of the Kansas  
33 congressional delegation.  
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