

Senate Resolution No. 1806

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.

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

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, The custom harvesting industry contributes to feeding this
19 country and to the United States' energy independence by efficiently and
20 effectively harvesting a variety of crops both for food and fuel; and

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

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

29 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas: That we urge the*
30 *United States Congress to repeal 23 U.S.C. § 127(d) and eliminate the*
31 *freeze on more productive trucks, thereby allowing Kansas to respond to*
32 *new technology and new vehicle size and weight requirements; and*

33 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate shall send an
34 enrolled copy of this resolution to the United States secretary of
35 transportation and each member of the Kansas congressional delegation.