

## 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~~ **give Kansas an exemption to** the federal freeze on  
3 more productive trucks and allow Kansas to determine the appropriate  
4 vehicle size ~~and weight~~ limits necessary for the economic needs of the  
5 state.

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **WHEREAS, Nebraska has received a similar exemption to allow**  
28 **custom harvesters to transport their machinery; and**

29 WHEREAS, Any change in vehicle size ~~and weight~~ laws must be  
30 adopted by both the Kansas House of Representatives and Kansas Senate  
31 and approved by the Governor: Now, therefore,

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

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