

## House Concurrent Resolution No. 5025

By Committee on Transportation

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

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

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

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

31 *Be it further resolved:* That the chief clerk of the house of  
32 representatives shall send an enrolled copy of this resolution to the United  
33 States secretary of transportation and each member of the Kansas  
34 congressional delegation.  
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