

1 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 124  
2 BY BOSWELL, KIBBIE, GIANNETTO, DEARDEN, JUDGE,  
3 MURPHY, GETTINGS, SORENSEN, and CONNOLLY

4 A Resolution supporting the use of more than one crew  
5 member in freight railroad operations.

6 WHEREAS, if trains are operated with only one crew  
7 member, the likelihood of highway-rail grade crossings  
8 being blocked for greater periods of time will  
9 increase, thereby hindering emergency vehicles; and

10 WHEREAS, the use of only one employee in the  
11 locomotive will reduce the ability to protect against  
12 human error which may cause an accident; and

13 WHEREAS, the possibility of train collisions and  
14 impacts with highway vehicles will be increased if  
15 freight trains are allowed to operate with only one  
16 crew member; and

17 WHEREAS, the safety of railroad operations must be  
18 maintained at its highest level in order to protect  
19 the public; and

20 WHEREAS, the public will be placed at great risk if  
21 freight railroads are allowed to operate trains with  
22 only one person in the locomotive; NOW THEREFORE,

23 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That no freight  
24 railroad should operate a train in Iowa with only one  
25 crew member working in the locomotive.

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