

# Senate Concurrent Resolution 5 - Introduced

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5

BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1203)

1 A Concurrent Resolution urging the members of Congress  
2 to amend federal law to increase the maximum gross  
3 weight allowed for motor vehicles operated on the  
4 interstate road system in Iowa and bordering states.

5 WHEREAS, federal law imposes a uniform combined  
6 gross weight limit of 80,000 pounds for vehicles  
7 operated on the interstate road system, unless  
8 expressly exempted; and

9 WHEREAS, a number of exemptions to the weight limit  
10 are provided on certain segments of the interstate road  
11 system, including in Iowa and in states that border  
12 Iowa; and

13 WHEREAS, vehicles with six or more axles can safely  
14 and efficiently handle loads exceeding 80,000 pounds  
15 while complying with reasonable axle weight limits,  
16 as evidenced by the 96,000 pound weight limit for  
17 commercial motor vehicles with seven axles driven on  
18 primary highways that are not part of the interstate  
19 road system in Iowa; and

20 WHEREAS, commercial motor vehicle drivers are  
21 inconvenienced while navigating the interstate road  
22 system by encountering different weight limits on  
23 different segments of the same interstate road system  
24 within and across state borders; and

25 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Iowa and the  
26 states that border Iowa to have the same vehicle weight  
27 limits on the interstate road system across all states

1 that border Iowa; and

2 WHEREAS, it is also in the best interest of Iowa  
3 to increase the payload capacity of commercial motor  
4 vehicles, which may result in fewer vehicles on the  
5 interstate road system and improve traffic flow; NOW  
6 THEREFORE,

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, THE HOUSE OF  
8 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That the General Assembly  
9 of the State of Iowa urges Congress to amend federal  
10 law to authorize the federal highway administration  
11 to raise the weight limit on the interstate road  
12 system in Iowa and in the states that border Iowa to  
13 96,000 pounds for commercial motor vehicles with seven  
14 axles; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this  
16 resolution be distributed to the President of the  
17 United States Senate, the Speaker of the United State  
18 House of Representatives, and each member of Iowa's  
19 congressional delegation.