

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution urging Congress to authorize a compact agreement between member  
2 states and contiguous states of the Western States Transportation Alliance to lift the federal  
3 freeze on commercial vehicle weight and size limitations.

4 **WHEREAS**, the Western States Transportation Alliance member states and contiguous  
5 states consist of Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, North  
6 Dakota, Oklahoma, ~~Oregon~~, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming; and

7 **WHEREAS**, federal legislation placed a freeze on commercial vehicle weight and size  
8 limitations in those ~~45~~<sup>14</sup> states in 1991; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the Western States Transportation Alliance approved a resolution to create a  
10 compact agreement between the states on November 17, 2014; and

11 **WHEREAS**, the compact agreement would give the states voluntarily participating in the  
12 agreement the authority to adopt routes and set restrictions on operations; and

13 **WHEREAS**, the compact agreement would set limits on the weight and size of commercial  
14 vehicles in the participating states to not exceed 129,000 pounds gross vehicle combination  
15 weight or 100 foot cargo carrying length;

16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**  
17 **NORTH DAKOTA, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:**

18 That the Sixty-fourth Legislative Assembly urges Congress to authorize a compact  
19 agreement between member states and contiguous states of the Western States Transportation  
20 Alliance to lift the federal freeze on commercial vehicle weight and size limitations; and

21 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of State forward copies of this resolution  
22 to each member of the North Dakota Congressional Delegation.