

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0002

Adequate funding for I-80 as a critical freight route.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways and Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting that Congress adequately fund
2 Interstate 80.

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4 WHEREAS, the federal government has assumed important
5 responsibilities in helping fund the nation's interstate
6 highway system; and

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8 WHEREAS, Interstate 80 runs the length of southern Wyoming;
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11 WHEREAS, Interstate 80 serves as an essential link between
12 the east and west coasts of the United States and is a
13 vital freight corridor critical to the commerce of our
14 nation; and

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1 WHEREAS, approximately half of all traffic on Wyoming's
2 section of Interstate 80 is heavy commercial truck traffic
3 that causes much greater roadway damage than does a typical
4 passenger car and which significantly increases maintenance
5 costs; and

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7 WHEREAS, the growth of heavy truck traffic on Interstate 80
8 is projected to outpace the growth of passenger car traffic
9 almost two (2) to one (1) over the next thirty (30) years
10 and average daily truck flows are projected to increase
11 from six thousand eight hundred ninety-nine (6,899) in 2009
12 to twenty-two thousand three hundred (22,300) in 2049; and

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14 WHEREAS, approximately eighty percent (80%) of the traffic
15 on Wyoming's span of Interstate 80 originates and
16 terminates outside of Wyoming and uses Wyoming's span of
17 Interstate 80 for the benefit of interstate commerce and
18 the national economy; and

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20 WHEREAS, current federal funding available to Wyoming for
21 the operation and maintenance of Interstate 80 is
22 insufficient not only for appropriate improvements, but
23 also to maintain the Interstate in its current condition
24 and configuration; and

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2 WHEREAS, the federal government is not meeting its
3 obligations to Wyoming regarding its funding commitment for
4 Interstate 80, is placing a financial strain on Wyoming and
5 is jeopardizing the operational health of one of the
6 nation's crucial freight corridors.

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8 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*
9 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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11 **Section 1.** That the federal government appropriate
12 funds to Wyoming in such an amount so as to allow Wyoming
13 to maintain Interstate 80 in its best physical and safest
14 condition.

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16 **Section 2.** That the federal government recognize
17 future demands that will be placed on Interstate 80 and
18 protect this nation's infrastructure by beginning to make
19 appropriate allocations and adjustments necessary to meet
20 future funding requirements.

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1 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the
3 United States, to the President of the Senate and the
4 Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United
5 States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional
6 Delegation.

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