

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 1609

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging Congress to provide funding to the Kansas Department of Transportation to improve and upgrade the department's radio communication system.

WHEREAS, Providing law enforcement and emergency response services in Kansas is often complicated by great distances between communities where services are located; and

WHEREAS, Adequate response to natural or man-made disasters requires coordination of a number of response agencies; and

WHEREAS, The Kansas Department of Transportation operates for its own use and for the Kansas Highway Patrol an 800 MHz radio communication system; and

WHEREAS, Creation and maintenance of a statewide interoperable radio communication system for the use of state and local law enforcement, emergency services providers, and public health and safety agencies is in the best interest of the citizens of Kansas and the citizens of the United States: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas, the House of Representatives concurring therein:* That the Legislature supports the initiative of the Kansas Department of Transportation to improve and upgrade the department's radio communication system to a truly statewide ANSI/TIA Project 25 interoperable radio communication system; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature supports the Kansas Department of Transportation's project to assist state and local law enforcement and other public health and safety entities in meeting their needs for access to a truly statewide ANSI/TIA Project 25 interoperable radio communication system; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Legislature strongly urges the Congress of the United States to provide funding in support of the creation of a Kansas statewide ANSI/TIA Project 25 interoperable radio communication system; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of State is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to each member of the Kansas Congressional delegation and the President of the United States.

I hereby certify that the above CONCURRENT RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

Adopted by the HOUSE \_\_\_\_\_

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*