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- 2 By Senators Gudger, Shelnutt, Coleman
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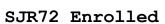


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4	SJR URGING THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
5	PRIORITIZE THE WIDENING OF INTERSTATE 65.
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7	WHEREAS, Interstate 65 is the main North-South travel
8	artery through the State of Alabama; and
9	WHEREAS, Interstate 65 provides connectivity from the
10	Port of Mobile and Alabama's Gulf Coast beaches through the
11	Capital City of Montgomery, through Birmingham and to
12	Huntsville, moving commuters and tourists daily, and fueling
13	Alabama's economy; and
14	WHEREAS, portions of Interstate 65 experience high
15	traffic volumes and congestion, especially during peak
16	travel times and seasons, and especially near the larger
17	cities served by this interstate highway; and
18	WHEREAS, various studies show that congestion on
19	America's interstates correlates into increased wear and
20	tear on vehicles, increased emissions, increased drive
21	times, extra costs of travel, and lost productivity - all of
22	which translate into increased costs to commuters, vacation
23	travelers, consumers, as well as business and industry; and
24	WHEREAS, the Alabama Department of Transportation is
25	charged with planning, maintaining, and improving Alabama's
26	state, U.S., and interstate highways and is funded by state
27	and federal fuel taxes and other state fees, with various
28	federal grant programs available on a competitive



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29	application basis and with certain limited bonding authority
30	available; now therefore,
31	BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH
32	HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That the Alabama Department of
33	Transportation is urged to study and prioritize improvements
3 4	and additional capacity for Interstate 65 with the eventual
35	goal of having an appropriate number of lanes in each
3.6	direction on all sections of the interstate.





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