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1 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is a major transportation  
3 hub, serving as a critical link for commerce, tourism, and  
4 travel within the Midwest and across the nation, with millions  
5 of vehicles traveling through the State's highways and  
6 secondary roads each year; and

7 WHEREAS, Increased traffic congestion on Illinois  
8 interstates and secondary roads has impacted the safety,  
9 efficiency, and economic growth of our communities, leading to  
10 longer travel times, higher transportation costs, and  
11 decreased quality of life for residents; and

12 WHEREAS, Other states, including Missouri, Maryland,  
13 Washington, and Connecticut, have undertaken significant  
14 roadway expansion projects to address traffic congestion and  
15 improve safety, demonstrating the potential benefits of such  
16 infrastructure investments; and

17 WHEREAS, To keep Illinois at the forefront of travel,  
18 safety, and commerce, it is essential to assess the  
19 feasibility of expanding roadway infrastructure to meet  
20 growing demands; and

21 WHEREAS, Expanding the capacity of transportation

1 infrastructure to reduce traffic delays, improve safety, and  
2 enhance the movement of goods and services has the potential  
3 to include such benefits as increased commercial activity,  
4 better access to markets, and enhanced regional  
5 competitiveness; and

6 WHEREAS, Many commercial corridors rely on secondary roads  
7 that are often not equipped to handle the volume of commercial  
8 traffic, leading to inefficiencies, safety concerns, and  
9 potential bottlenecks that can affect local businesses and  
10 logistics operations; therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL  
12 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF  
13 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge the Illinois  
14 Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the  
15 feasibility and potential impacts of expanding all interstates  
16 in Illinois to a minimum of six lanes and all secondary roads  
17 on commercial corridors to a minimum of four lanes; and be it  
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the study should assess current traffic  
20 patterns, infrastructure capacity, potential economic  
21 benefits, safety improvements, and cost estimates associated  
22 with such expansions; and be it further

1       RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is urged  
2       to complete this study and report its findings and  
3       recommendations to the General Assembly by no later than  
4       January 1, 2026; and be it further

5       RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
6       delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of  
7       Transportation and the Governor of the State of Illinois.