

SECOND REGULAR SESSION

# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PLANK.

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JOSEPH ENGLER, Chief Clerk

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### AN ACT

Relating to the Commission on Interstate 70 Safety and Beautification.

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*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:*

1        **WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri has outstanding natural beauty that Missourians  
2 and visitors enjoy; and

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4        **WHEREAS**, the rebuilding and improvement of Interstate 70 provides an opportunity  
5 to enhance traffic safety, showcase Missouri's natural beauty, and highlight its cultural,  
6 historical, commercial, and tourist attractions; and

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8        **WHEREAS**, Interstate 70 through Missouri has on average 2.5 times more billboards  
9 per mile than any other state along the I-70 corridor from Maryland to Utah, contributing to  
10 increased driver distraction and compromising the safety of motorists and passengers; and

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12        **WHEREAS**, the Missouri outdoor advertising statute permits the removal of trees  
13 and other vegetation, often planted with state tax dollars, to enhance the visibility of outdoor  
14 advertising signs; and

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16        **WHEREAS**, preserving Missouri's natural scenic beauty and promoting its safety,  
17 tourism, and economic development potential are valid public purposes and should be  
18 considered during the I-70 rebuild; and

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20        **WHEREAS**, this is a transportation, economic development, and quality-of-life issue,  
21 and input should be sought from stakeholders in roadside commerce; tourism; outdoor

22 advertising; historical, cultural and scenic conservation; and municipal and county  
23 governments; and

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25 **WHEREAS**, Missourians deserve safe, well-maintained, adequate, and more  
26 beautiful highways that are a source of pride and commerce:

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28 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the House of  
29 Representatives of the One Hundred Third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the  
30 Senate concurring therein, hereby appoint a Commission on Interstate 70 Safety and  
31 Beautification composed of the chair of the House Transportation and Infrastructure  
32 Committee, members of the Missouri Municipal League and the Missouri Association of  
33 Counties, and all members of the Scenic Byways Advisory Committee as described in 7 CSR  
34 10-12.030(3). The purpose of the Commission is to study, discuss, and recommend to the  
35 Department of Transportation and to the General Assembly strategies to enhance the safety  
36 and visual and scenic character of the I-70 corridor through reasonable landscaping, sign  
37 control, and highway, bridge, and lighting design standards; and

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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of  
40 Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the  
41 director of the Missouri Department of Transportation; and

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43 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be sent to the Governor for his  
44 approval or rejection pursuant to the Missouri Constitution.

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