## **SENATE RESOLUTION No. 72**

## **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## INTRODUCED DECEMBER 19, 1996

## By Senators CIESLA and SINGER

1	A SENATE RESOLUTION urging the President and the Congress of the United
2	States to reauthorize the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation
3	Efficiency Act of 1991, and to insure that the respective federal funding
4	amounts for highway and mass transportation purposes are not reduced
5	below current levels.
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7	WHEREAS, The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
8	(ISTEA), signed into law by the President in December, 1991, is a six year
9	program authorized to provide a total of \$155 billion for highway and mass
0	transportation purposes; and
1	WHEREAS, ISTEA has provided significant, annual federal funding to New
12	Jersey and all other states to help develop a strong, globally-competitive
13	economy and to improve the mobility, safety and well-being of our nation's
14	residents; and
15	WHEREAS, Our state, regional and national transportation systems still face
16	growing travel demand, inadequate capacity, "bottlenecks," and awkward
17	connections between different forms of transportation; and
18	WHEREAS, The need to continue and accelerate improvements to our
19	transportation systems is absolutely vital for economic growth, to address
20	safety and environmental concerns, and to reduce the costs and disruptions
21	that an inefficient transportation system imposes on our residents; and
22	WHEREAS, A federal role of providing leadership and long-term funding
23	remains essential if a smooth, seamless highway and mass transportation
24	system is to be achieved and then maintained; now, therefore,
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26	<b>BE IT RESOLVED</b> by the Senate of the State of New Jersey:
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28	1. The President and the Congress of the United States are urged to
29	reauthorize the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991
30	(ISTEA), prior to its expiration in October 1997, for a period of time and a
31	level of funding for highway and mass transportation purposes that is no less
32	than current ISTEA authorization levels. Timely reauthorization of ISTEA is
33	paramount if states are to continue, without interruption, their efforts to
34	improve and enhance the effectiveness of our nation's state, regional, and
35	national transportation systems.

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2	2. Duly authenticated copies of this resolution, signed by the President of
3	the Senate and attested to by the Secretary thereof, shall be transmitted to the
4	President and the Vice President of the United States, and to each member of
5	Congress.
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10	This resolution urges the President and the Congress of the United States
11	to reauthorize the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of
12	1991 (ISTEA), prior to its expiration in October 1997, for a period of time
13	and a level of funding for highway and mass transportation purposes that is no
14	less than current ISTEA authorization levels.
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19	Urges President and Congress to reauthorize Intermodal Surface
20	Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 at no less than current levels.