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## **HOUSE REPUBLICAN STAFF ANALYSIS**

Bill: House Concurrent Resolution 9

Committee: Transportation Floor Manager: Rep. Brian Best Date: May 9, 2023

Staff: Brad Trow (1-3471)

House Committee: **PASSED** 21-0 (3/1/2024) House Floor: **PASSED** 97-0 (3/14/2023) Senate Floor: **PASSED** (4/19/2023)

## **Concurrent Resolution on Interstate Highway Load Limits**

- House Concurrent Resolution 9 highlights the issues with weight limits on loads transported on interstate highways.
- Federal law governs the weight limits on interstate highways, but they differ by state.
- Currently, the maximum weight for a load carried by seven axles is 80,000 pounds on lowa's interstates while the weight limit for the same load on lowa's primary road system is 96,000 pounds.
- Surrounding states have different weight limits for their interstates, up to 129,000 pounds allowed in South Dakota and Nebraska's limit is 95,000 pounds.
- House Concurrent Resolution 9 calls on Congress to amend federal law and allow to permit loads of up to 96,000 pounds to be transported on lowa's interstate highways.