

House Resolution

No. 31

**Introduced by Assembly Member Williams
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House Resolution No. 31—Relative to State Highway Route 154.

1 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 154 is located in Santa
2 Barbara County; and

3 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 154 serves as a primary local
4 commuter corridor to residents linking communities north and
5 south; and

6 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 154 is a two-lane, undivided,
7 mountainous, rural highway with tight curves, narrow shoulders,
8 steep grades, limited passing lanes and visibility with frequent
9 inclement weather that poses difficulty for many vehicles,
10 especially large trucks; and

11 WHEREAS, Motorists not beginning or ending their trips in
12 the area utilize State Highway Route 154 as a shortcut to State
13 Highway Route 101 and, therefore, are often unaware of the grade,
14 the number of turns, and navigable constraints of State Highway
15 Route 154; and

16 WHEREAS, State Highway Route 101 is the main north-south
17 arterial highway that provides a more suitable alternative route for
18 commerce to State Highway Route 154 through Santa Barbara
19 County; and

20 WHEREAS, Lake Cachuma, which is the primary source of
21 drinking water to southern Santa Barbara County, is immediately
22 adjacent to State Highway Route 154. Thus any accidental release
23 of a hazardous material could contaminate this water supply; and

1 WHEREAS, Truck drivers who use State Highway Route 154
2 presuming to save time are operating on incorrect information and
3 are exposing themselves and other motorists to additional hazards;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The California Highway Patrol has increased
6 enforcement of laws and rules of the road on State Highway Route
7 154 to ensure the safety of all drivers on this stretch of roadway;
8 now, therefore, be it

9 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California,* That the
10 Assembly urges truck drivers traveling through Santa Barbara
11 County to continue on State Highway Route 101, which is more
12 conducive to handling traffic resulting from commerce, rather than
13 using State Highway Route 154 as a shortcut because the
14 unnecessary traffic on this narrow mountainous roadway increases
15 congestion and potential hazards for all motorists using State
16 Highway Route 154; and be it further

17 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
18 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
19 author for appropriate distribution.