

State of South Dakota

NINETY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 3

Introduced by: Senator Nelson

1 A RESOLUTION, Expressing concern about certain final planning phase proposals by the
2 Department of Transportation.

3 WHEREAS, there have been demonstrated local concerns about a proposed thirteen million
4 dollar project by the Department of Transportation to remove the four lane intersections on State
5 Highway 50 in Bon Homme County; and

6 WHEREAS, since August 2015 the stakeholders in the project have given input against
7 removal of the four lanes and have provided proven safe alternatives to such a project; and

8 WHEREAS, petitions, emails, letters, and public testimony have largely been ignored by the
9 Department of Transportation in an apparent predetermined effort to remove the four lanes; and

10 WHEREAS, approximately 600 stakeholders testified, wrote letters, and emails during the
11 August 2015 hearing process at Tyndall and comment period afterwards; and

12 WHEREAS, approximately 250 stakeholders signed on as proponent testimony to support
13 common sense alternatives to destroying the four lanes for HB 1284 during a four-day time
14 frame starting February ninth at 2:00 p.m. and ending February twelfth at 3:00 p.m.; and

15 WHEREAS, common sense alternatives have been offered to the Department of



1 Transportation for many years as stated in HB 1284 amended version; and

2 WHEREAS, permanent digital solar and battery operated speed signs at a cost of two
3 thousand seven hundred dollars per sign are a low cost common sense alternative to an
4 estimated thirteen million dollar reconstruction cost; and

5 WHEREAS, there are fatalities on the two lane portions of State Highway 50 in Bon
6 Homme County and very little has been done to address this issue; and

7 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation claims that only an above average accident
8 rate exists on the four lane highways:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Ninety-Third Legislature
10 of the State of South Dakota, that the Legislature is greatly concerned about the South Dakota
11 Department of Transportation's final planning phase proposal to destroy the four lanes on State
12 Highway 50 in Bon Homme County.