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WHEREAS, the Federal Railroad Administration is in the process of drafting federal rules on the subject of appropriate train crew size; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of these rules is to establish minimum requirements for train crew size based on the type of operation; and

WHEREAS, the minimum requirements for train crew size are expected to take into account the various safety risks posed to railroad employees, the general public, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the volume of freight transported by rail is particularly heavy through Nebraska, and these freight shipments include hazardous materials such as ethanol, chlorine, and Bakken crude oil; and

WHEREAS, the safety risks posed by such shipments could be reduced by requiring a train crew of at least two individuals whenever a train or light engine is used in connection with the movement of freight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Legislature urges the Federal Railroad Administration to adopt a rule requiring a train crew of at least two individuals whenever a train or light engine is used in connection with the movement of freight.

2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to Sarah Feinberg, Acting Administrator of the Federal Railroad Administration, and to each member of the Nebraska congressional delegation.