Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1601
By Senator Hilderbrand
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A PROPOSITION to amend article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas by adding a new section thereto, concerning the state highway fund in the state treasury.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Kansas, two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives concurring therein:

Section 1. The following proposition to amend the constitution of the state of Kansas shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the state for their approval or rejection: Article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas is hereby amended by adding a new section thereto to read as follows:

"§ 14. State Highway Fund. (a) On and after July 1, 2021, moneys shall be appropriated, expended or transferred from the state highway fund that is established and maintained in the state treasury only as follows:
(1) To cities on the state highway system for transportation projects;
(2) for the construction, improvement, reconstruction and maintenance of the state highway system;
(3) for improvements in transportation programs to aid elderly persons, persons with disabilities and the general public;
(4) for any purpose specified pursuant to a comprehensive transportation program;
(5) for the support and maintenance of the department of transportation;
(6) for the expenses of administering the motor vehicle registration and drivers' license laws; and
(7) for the payment of losses to department of transportation employees authorized pursuant to law.
(b) Under no circumstances shall moneys be transferred from the state highway fund or appropriated or expended from the state highway fund for any purpose not provided for in this section.
(c) The legislature may enact laws to carry out the purposes of this section."
Sec. 2. The following statement shall be printed on the ballot with the amendment as a whole:

"Explanatory statement. The purpose of this amendment is to prevent transfers and limit expenditures from the state highway fund to only those items related to transportation set forth in the amendment.

"A vote for this amendment would provide that moneys credited to the state highway fund would only be used for those purposes set forth in the amendment as prescribed by law.

"A vote against this amendment would make no changes in current law concerning the state's finances."

Sec. 3. This resolution, if approved by two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the Senate, and two-thirds of the members elected (or appointed) and qualified to the House of Representatives shall be entered on the journals, together with the yeas and nays. The secretary of state shall cause this resolution to be published as provided by law and shall cause the proposed amendment to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election in the year 2020 unless a special election is called at a sooner date by concurrent resolution of the legislature, in which case it shall be submitted to the electors of the state at the special election.