

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT****REQUIREMENTS**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE****General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature requests that Utah's congressional delegation submit federal legislation amending federal block grant maintenance-of-effort requirements.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes that federal maintenance-of-effort requirements can severely limit state budget flexibility; and
- ▶ requests that Utah's congressional delegation submit federal legislation adding the following language to each maintenance-of-effort statutory requirement: "In nowise shall the state amount obligated as a maintenance-of-effort calculation exceed the amount of federal funding provided through the grant."

**Special Clauses:**

None

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*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, block grants offered by the federal government often include maintenance-of-effort provisions specifying required state spending levels necessary to receive a grant;

WHEREAS, if a state does not meet its maintenance-of-effort requirements in any fiscal year, the federal government will often reduce dollar-for-dollar the state's federal block grant in the following year;

WHEREAS, maintenance-of-effort requirements can be several times larger than the amount of the federal block grant;

WHEREAS, large maintenance-of-effort requirements can severely limit state

32 legislative budget flexibility, especially during downturns;

33 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, Utah received a \$3.2 million Mental Health Block  
34 Grant that required a maintenance of effort obligation of \$29.3 million;

35 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, Utah received a \$5.0 million Baby Watch Early  
36 Intervention Grant that required a maintenance of effort obligation of \$12.0 million;

37 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, Utah received a \$16.5 million Substance Abuse  
38 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant that required a maintenance of effort obligation of  
39 \$19.2 million; and

40 WHEREAS, the state of Utah obligates hundreds of millions of dollars in  
41 maintenance-of-effort requirements:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
43 requests that Utah's congressional delegation submit federal legislation amending federal block  
44 grant maintenance-of-effort requirements by adding the following language to each  
45 maintenance-of-effort statutory requirement: "In no wise shall the state amount obligated as a  
46 maintenance-of-effort calculation exceed the amount of federal funding provided through the  
47 grant."

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of  
49 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
50 States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.