

28 WHEREAS, buildings contaminated by methamphetamine lab operations pose a risk to the
29 peace officers, health department employees, human services employees, and others who become
30 exposed to these sites;

31 WHEREAS, training programs are not available to adequately educate public health and
32 safety personnel throughout the state so they have the skills necessary to safely manage the
33 discovery and investigation of a methamphetamine lab:

34 WHEREAS, property owners and possible occupants of the building also risk exposure if
35 the building has not been adequately cleaned;

36 WHEREAS, the state needs to have generally applicable standards for determining to what
37 level and by what means a site must be cleaned in order to ensure habitability of the site;

38 WHEREAS, the state does not have established methods and guidelines for determining
39 if cleaning has rendered the site habitable, or what action should be taken to protect the public if
40 the site does not meet standards of habitability; and

41 WHEREAS, the state also does not have a program for the certification of businesses who
42 offer services in the cleanup of methamphetamine lab sites, and this certification would be of
43 benefit to property owners who must deal with sites where a methamphetamine lab has been
44 operated:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the Utah
46 Substance Abuse and Anti-Violence (USA AV) Coordinating Council, created in Section
47 63-25a-201, coordinate and staff a work group of representatives from the Department of
48 Environmental Quality, the Department of Health, and the Department of Public Safety, in order
49 to establish standards for the procedures to be used in cleanup of methamphetamine lab sites, to
50 establish standards for habitability of these sites, to establish a certification program for businesses
51 involved in methamphetamine lab cleanups, to establish training programs for public health and
52 safety employees who face the risk of exposure to a methamphetamine lab in the course of carrying
53 out their employment duties, and to make recommendations regarding sources to provide funding
54 for methamphetamine lab cleanup costs.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USA AV Council seek and include input from local
56 health departments as the work group carries out the purposes of this resolution.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the USA AV Council compile a report of the results
58 of the work group's efforts and any recommendations the work group may have for legislation, and

59 make this report available to the Law Enforcement and Public Safety and Judiciary Interim
60 Committees of the Legislature not later than September 30, 1999.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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