

**JOINT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STUDY  
OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SERVER TRAINING**

2000 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE URGING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE TO STUDY AND PREPARE CHANGES TO EXISTING LAW TO STRENGTHEN TRAINING IN THE RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR THOSE WORKING IN ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

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

WHEREAS, the primary role of government is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of citizens;

WHEREAS, driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs is a major cause of violence in Utah's highways;

WHEREAS, driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs is a cause of preventable deaths and injuries to Utah citizens;

WHEREAS, the cost of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs to Utah's taxpayers and to victims is in excess of \$413 million annually;

WHEREAS, more effective policies and programs to deal with issues related to driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs are being developed by the Governor's Council on Driving Under the Influence;

WHEREAS, citizens are benefitting from the proactive approach of the Governor's Council on Driving Under the Influence to prevent deaths, injuries, and costs associated with driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs;

WHEREAS, a key component of any plan to curb the violence and loss of life due to driving under the influence is improved training in the responsible serving of alcoholic beverages in establishments licensed to serve alcohol;

WHEREAS, existing laws governing training should be strengthened to require more timely

training of persons serving alcohol, clarify penalties for noncompliance, specify the range of training subjects, provide certification requirements for those conducting the training, and require sharing of records among state agencies responsible for licensing, enforcement, and training;

WHEREAS, through improved training and enforcement, the devastating effects of driving under the influence of alcohol and other drugs can be significantly decreased; and

WHEREAS, changes intended to strengthen training in the responsible service of alcoholic beverages will reduce the number of tragedies resulting from driving under the influence:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the Governor's Council on Driving Under the Influence to study ways to strengthen existing law governing training in the responsible service of alcoholic beverages by persons in establishments licensed to serve alcoholic beverages.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that proposals for changes in the law be presented to the Business, Labor, and Economic Development Interim Committee of the Legislature by no later than its November 2000 meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor's Council on Driving Under the Influence, the Division of Substance Abuse, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, and the chairs of the Business, Labor, and Economic Development Interim Committee of the Legislature.