

1                   **RESOLUTION PETITIONING UNITED**  
2                   **STATES GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE**  
3                   **CERTAIN SATELLITE DATA**

4                                   2000 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                                   **Sponsor: David H. Steele**

7 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR URGING  
8 PUBLIC ACCESS TO HIGH RESOLUTION SATELLITE DATA.

9 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

10           WHEREAS, the United States government, through its many agencies such as the National  
11 Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the United States Geological Survey (USGS), and  
12 several defense and national security entities has successfully launched and operationalized  
13 remote-sensing satellites, which represents the culmination of hundreds of millions of dollars of  
14 public investment;

15           WHEREAS, the high resolution data, less than ten meters, to be collected from these  
16 platforms have potentially broad applicability to state and local government information  
17 requirements;

18           WHEREAS, similar type data is now available from foreign countries such as France,  
19 India, and Russia;

20           WHEREAS, the United States government does not allow state and local governments and  
21 the public access to comparable United States data as a standard product, reasonably priced, via  
22 a single order;

23           WHEREAS, overall national policy is to make such data affordable and encourage its use;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, the state of Utah believes that the United States government satellite mapping  
26 programs should be operated in such a way as to maximize the accessibility, affordability, and  
27 usability of its data products to state and local agencies:

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28           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all of the United State's government  
29 satellite mapping entities provide easily-usable, high-resolution mapping data comparable to that  
30 available from other countries to customers in state and local agencies and the public. Specifically,  
31 the state of Utah requests all types of satellite media data be available as standard products in  
32 electronic format with the electronic management program necessary to manipulate the data, at  
33 reasonable prices, requested via a single order, and provided in standard turnaround times.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 11-17-99 12:44 PM**

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

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**Committee Note**

The Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee recommended this bill.