

RESOLUTION URGING TRAINING OF JUDGES

2001 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Mike Thompson

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the Judicial Council to provide Utah's judges with training in parental rights.

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

WHEREAS, Utah's judges are frequently required to make determinations that can significantly impact the lives of children and their parents;

WHEREAS, currently, judges receive training regarding the rights of children in the judicial system;

WHEREAS, judges should also receive training on the rights of parents to ensure that their legal determinations benefit from increased access to the full range of potential issues that surface among family members in the judicial system;

WHEREAS, the rights of children and parents should be weighed and considered carefully when making judgments that may affect families for years to come; and

WHEREAS, training in both child and parental rights would ensure a balanced approach to issues coming before Utah's judges:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urge the Judicial Council to provide Utah's judges with training in issues relating to parental rights in addition to training in children's rights.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Judicial Council.