

1                   **RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING RESEARCH AND**  
2                   **DEVELOPMENT GRANTS FOR CLEAN COAL**  
3                   **ALTERNATIVES**

4                   2002 GENERAL SESSION

5                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Sponsor: Mike Dmitrich**

7   **This joint resolution urges the United States Department of Energy to encourage Congress**  
8   **to provide grants for the research and development of clean coal technology.**

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

10           WHEREAS, electricity generated by coal is the nation's most abundant fuel source for the  
11   generation of electrical energy with an estimated supply of 250 years;

12           WHEREAS, coal accounts for over half of all the electricity generated in the United States;

13           WHEREAS, coal provides over 96% of Utah's primary electric utility fuel source;

14           WHEREAS, Utah coal is considered clean coal;

15           WHEREAS, the National Energy Report presented to President Bush indicates that the  
16   consumption of energy will significantly outpace the generation of electrical energy from all fuel  
17   sources, including coal; and

18           WHEREAS, the recent price increases for oil and natural gas have made coal the least  
19   expensive fuel to consume:

20           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urge the  
21   United States Department of Energy to encourage Congress to provide monies for research and  
22   development grants to promote advances in clean coal technology.

23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States  
24   Secretary of Energy, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States  
25   House of Representatives, and each member of Utah's congressional delegation.



**Legislative Review Note**

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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.