

**RESOLUTION REGARDING RADIATION
EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT**

2004 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Darin G. Peterson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges that additional counties in Utah be added to the list of counties qualifying for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) funds.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► urges the National Academies' Board on Radiation Effects Research to recommend that Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Weber, Morgan, Davis, Summit, Daggett, Salt Lake, Tooele, Wasatch, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, Carbon, Juab, Grand, Emery, and Sanpete Counties be added to the list of counties whose citizens may qualify for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) funds.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) provides compensation to citizens who developed certain cancers as a result of exposure to radioactive fallout from nuclear tests conducted between January 21, 1951 to October 31, 1958 and June 30, 1962 to July, 1962;

WHEREAS, to qualify, citizens had to be residents of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Wayne, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, and Washington Counties in Utah;

WHEREAS, some citizens who resided in several counties in Arizona and Nevada also qualified for compensation under the Act; and

WHEREAS, residents of Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Weber, Morgan, Davis, Summit, Daggett, Salt Lake, Tooele, Wasatch, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, Carbon, Juab, Grand, Emery, and Sanpete Counties were also exposed to radiation comparable to the residents of currently eligible counties:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the National Academies' Board on Radiation Effects Research to recommend that Box Elder, Cache, Rich, Weber, Morgan, Davis, Summit, Daggett, Salt Lake, Tooele, Wasatch, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, Carbon, Juab, Grand, Emery, and Sanpete Counties be added to the list of RECA eligible counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National Academies' Board on Radiation Effects Research and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.