

1 **RESOLUTION DEMANDING STATE'S**
2 **PARTICIPATION IN MATRIX END**
3 **IMMEDIATELY**

4 2004 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Sponsor: J. Morgan Philpot**

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature calls for an end to Utah's involvement in Matrix.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ demands that the state of Utah end its participation in Matrix immediately.

14 **Special Clauses:**

15 None

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

18 WHEREAS, the multistate Anti-Terrorism Information Exchange, or Matrix, is a
19 seven-state crime database launched with \$12 million in federal funds;

20 WHEREAS, Matrix lets states share criminal, prison, and vehicle information with
21 each other and cross-reference it with up to 20 billion records in databases held by Seisint
22 Incorporated;

23 WHEREAS, the Seisint records include people's property, boats, Internet domains,
24 address history, utility connections, bankruptcies, civil court history, liens, voter registration,
25 and business filings;

26 WHEREAS, Utah, Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania
27 are currently involved in the project;



28 WHEREAS, in all, about 450 law enforcement agents can access Matrix;
29 WHEREAS, several other states, including Alabama, California, Georgia, Louisiana,
30 Kentucky, Oregon, South Carolina, and Texas explored the program before dropping out
31 because of concerns about privacy or long-term costs; and

32 WHEREAS, it is vital that Utah's involvement in Matrix end immediately:

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
34 demands that the state of Utah end its participation in Matrix immediately.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Olene
36 Walker and the director of the Department of Public Safety.

Legislative Review Note
as of 2-5-04 3:10 PM

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

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note
Bill Number HJR021

**Resolution Demanding State's Participation in Matrix End
Immediately**

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10:00 AM

State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst