

1                                   **RESOLUTION URGING STUDY OF**  
2                                   **INCENTIVES FOR FILM INDUSTRY**  
3                                   **PRODUCTION IN UTAH**

4                                   2004 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                                   **Sponsor: Sheryl L. Allen**

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10           This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the Workforce Services and Community  
11 and Economic Development Interim Committee to study financial incentives for the  
12 motion picture, television, and commercial production industries.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14           This resolution:

15           ▶ urges the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim  
16 Committee to study creating a financial incentive plan that will enhance the  
17 retention and expansion of the motion picture, television, and commercial  
18 production industries and the ability of the state to attract additional production to  
19 the state;

20           ▶ urges the study to be conducted during the 2004 interim;

21           ▶ urges the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim  
22 Committee to consider testimony from certain interested parties; and

23           ▶ urges the consideration of recommended actions of the study to enhance the  
24 retention and expansion of the motion picture, television, and commercial  
25 production industries and actions to attract additional production to the state.

26 **Special Clauses:**

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

WHEREAS, the motion picture, television, and commercial production industries are an important part of Utah's economic development and a major contributor to a vibrant economy;

WHEREAS, the retention of the state's existing motion picture, television, and commercial production industries is critical for the employment and welfare of numerous professionals in these industries who are citizens of the state;

WHEREAS, Utah has enjoyed a reputation for providing the most unique and diverse production locations;

WHEREAS, Utah has created an infrastructure of professional crews, experienced talent, and exceptional support services;

WHEREAS, the use of Utah locations, crews, talent, and support services has been financially important to the state's overall economy;

WHEREAS, Utah has been in the top five states for production for several years prior to 2001;

WHEREAS, other cities, states, provinces, and countries have created financial incentives to attract the motion picture, television, and commercial production industries to their jurisdictions;

WHEREAS, Utah has not created any financial incentives in order to be competitive in attracting these industries; and

WHEREAS, Utah production days have steadily decreased since 2001 as have jobs in these industries:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee to study, during the 2004 interim, issues relating to the financial incentives necessary to create a competitive motion picture, television, and commercial production industries climate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee to also study the creation of a business plan for financial incentives that will enhance the retention and expansion of the motion picture, television, and commercial production industries and the state's ability to attract

59 additional productions.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the Workforce Services and  
61 Community and Economic Development Interim Committee to invite testimony on these issues  
62 from interested parties including professionals from the motion picture, television, and  
63 commercial production industries, retail merchants, county governments, municipal  
64 governments, travel councils, restaurants, hotels, car rental agencies, and the Utah State Tax  
65 Commission.

66 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chairs of  
67 the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee, the  
68 Utah Film Commission, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of  
69 Counties, Utah's Chambers of Commerce, and the Utah State Tax Commission.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
as of 2-4-04 4:06 PM

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

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number HJR023**

**Resolution Urging Study of Incentives for Film Industry Production in** 12-Feb-04  
**Utah** 8:45 AM

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**State Impact**

Provisions of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**