

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KANE**
2 **COUNTY EXPANSION OF CORRECTIONAL**
3 **FACILITIES**

4 2007 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

7 House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This joint resolution of the Legislature supports jail expansion in Kane County through
12 a contract with the Utah Department of Corrections.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

15 ▶ supports Kane County's expansion of its correctional facilities by means of a
16 contract between the county and the Utah Department of Corrections.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

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

21 WHEREAS, counties contract with the Department of Corrections to provide prison
22 bed space for state prisoners;

23 WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and
24 the counties and saved taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities
25 while at the same time assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

26 WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated, Subsection 64-13c-401(1), "the
27 department [of Corrections] may enter into a contract with a county government to house
28 inmates only if the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution" containing the
29 approximate number of beds contracted, the county's average daily rate the department will pay

30 the county per inmate, and the approximate amount of the county's long-term debt and the
31 length of that debt for the facility where the inmates are to be housed;

32 WHEREAS, the approximate number of beds to be contracted in Kane County is 140;

33 WHEREAS, Kane County's average daily rate the department will pay the county per
34 inmate, as determined under Title 64, Chapter 13c, Part 3, Reimbursement of Inmate Costs, is
35 currently \$42.32 per day;

36 WHEREAS, Kane County estimates the cost at \$15 million and plans to finance the full
37 amount with 20-year bonds;

38 WHEREAS, this planning cannot begin until authorization to build is received, and the
39 Utah Department of Corrections will report this information to the Legislature as soon as it is
40 determined; and

41 WHEREAS, contracting with the Utah Department of Corrections for additional prison
42 bed space would greatly assist the state and Kane County's efforts to have sufficient capacity to
43 house its prison populations:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
45 supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and to Kane County.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Kane
47 County Commission and to the Utah Department of Corrections.