

1                   **RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING MANUFACTURED**  
2                   **AND MOBILE HOME PARKS AS AFFORDABLE**  
3                   **HOUSING**

4                   2008 GENERAL SESSION

5                   STATE OF UTAH

6                   **Chief Sponsor: Neal B. Hendrickson**

7                   Senate Sponsor: Fred J. Fife

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                  **General Description:**

11                  This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages efforts focused on increasing the  
12                  availability and affordability of manufactured housing.

13                  **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                  This resolution:

- 15                  ▶ recognizes manufactured housing as an important component of affordable housing
- 16                  choices and options;
- 17                  ▶ encourages the inclusion of manufactured housing in local land use planning and
- 18                  development; and
- 19                  ▶ supports mechanisms that will increase housing affordability for all Utahns.

20                  **Special Clauses:**

21                  None

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

24                  WHEREAS, the strength of Utah communities is significantly improved by a variety of  
25                  safe, affordable housing choices and neighborhoods secure from the threat of relocation and  
26                  resident displacement;

27                  WHEREAS, the Utah housing market continues to experience increases in cost rates



28 well beyond increases in income realized by Utahns;

29 WHEREAS, development pressures and higher home prices are causing the loss of  
30 many existing affordable housing units, particularly manufactured housing communities;

31 WHEREAS, nearly two-thirds of the over 80,000 Utahns who live in manufactured  
32 homes are senior citizens;

33 WHEREAS, the median household income of individuals living in manufactured  
34 homes is approximately 60% of the overall Utah median income;

35 WHEREAS, manufactured homes provide home ownership opportunities to many  
36 families who would otherwise be in need of housing subsidies and assistance;

37 WHEREAS, manufactured housing communities offer a flexible range of land  
38 ownership models which can increase stability and affordability;

39 WHEREAS, Utahns have need of a broad range of choices and options of housing price  
40 levels;

41 WHEREAS, manufactured housing is a largely unsubsidized, affordable housing  
42 ownership choice;

43 WHEREAS, manufactured homes are built to standards desired in Utah communities;  
44 and

45 WHEREAS, cities and towns should foster stable neighborhoods with a variety of  
46 affordability levels and housing choices, including the preservation of manufactured housing  
47 communities:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
49 recognizes manufactured housing as an important part of affordable housing choices and  
50 options and encourages including manufactured housing in local land use planning and  
51 development.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature expresses support for creative  
53 mechanisms, including incentives to manufactured home community preservation through  
54 resident ownership, nonprofit ownership, and space lease rules mutually beneficial to both  
55 home and land owner, that will increase affordability of housing for all Utahns.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah League  
57 of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, and the Utah Housing Coalition.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**

**H.J.R. 2 - Resolution Encouraging Manufactured and Mobile Home Parks as  
Affordable Housing**  
2008 General Session  
State of Utah

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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