

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
EXPANSION OF CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES IN SAN JUAN COUNTY**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature supports jail expansion in San Juan County through a contract with the Utah Department of Corrections.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and to San Juan County; and
- ▶ recognizes that S.J.R. 101, passed during the 2007 First Special Session of the Utah

Legislature and approving 80 beds in Garfield County, is now void.

Special Clauses:

None

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

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

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

WHEREAS, the 80 additional bed facility approved for contract with Garfield County



28 during the 2007 First Special Session of the Utah Legislature has been formally abandoned by
29 Garfield County;

30 WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated, Subsection 64-13e-103(6), the
31 Department of Corrections may not enter into a contract with a county to house state inmates
32 unless the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution that includes the approximate
33 number of beds to be contracted, the final state daily incarceration rate, the approximate
34 amount of the county's long-term debt, and the repayment time of the debt for the facility where
35 the inmates are to be housed;

36 WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Corrections currently utilizes 70 contract beds
37 with San Juan County and the county presently provides treatment to approximately 70 of those
38 inmates with minimal additional funding from the Department;

39 WHEREAS, the approximate number of additional beds to be contracted in San Juan
40 County is 230;

41 WHEREAS, San Juan County is committed to providing treatment services for these
42 additional state inmates;

43 WHEREAS, the state daily incarceration rate is currently approximately \$82.15 per
44 day;

45 WHEREAS, San Juan County estimates the long-term debt cost to be \$22 million and
46 plans to finance the full amount with 20-year bonds;

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

50 WHEREAS, contracting with the Utah Department of Corrections for additional prison
51 bed space would greatly assist the state in addressing projected bed space and treatment needs
52 and San Juan County's efforts to have sufficient capacity to house its prison populations:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
54 supports jail expansion of the San Juan facility as beneficial to both the state and to San Juan
55 County.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes that S.J.R. 101, passed
57 during the 2007 First Special Session of the Utah Legislature and approving 80 beds in
58 Garfield County, is now void.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Garfield
60 County Commission, the San Juan County Commission, and to the Utah Department of
61 Corrections.

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Fiscal Note**S.J.R. 12 - Joint Resolution Supporting Expansion of Correctional Facilities
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State Impact

Enactment of this resolution will not require additional appropriations. Future appropriations will be required if the state contracts beds from the county.

Individual, Business and/or Local Impact

Enactment of this resolution will not likely result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals or businesses. If San Juan County issues bonds to build a correctional facility, a fiscal impact will be realized by the county.
