

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION - STATE PRISONER PLACEMENT**

2                                   **IN IRON COUNTY JAIL**

3   2013 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5                           **Chief Sponsor: John R. Westwood**

6                                   Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9                   This joint resolution of the Legislature supports increasing the number of beds for state  
10 inmates at correctional facilities in Iron County.  
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12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13                   This resolution:

14                   ▶ supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and to Iron County through a  
15 contract with the Utah Department of Corrections; and

16                   ▶ approves increasing the number of beds dedicated to housing state inmates from 10  
17 to 35 in the Iron County jail facility.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19                   None

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

21                   WHEREAS, counties in Utah contract with the Utah Department of Corrections to  
22 provide prison bed space for state prisoners;  
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24                   WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and  
25 the counties and saved taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities  
26 while at the same time assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

27                   WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated Subsection 64-13e-103(6), the



28 Utah Department of Corrections may not enter into a contract with a county to house state  
29 inmates unless the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution that includes the  
30 approximate number of beds to be contracted, the final state daily incarceration rate, the  
31 approximate amount of the county's long-term debt, and the repayment time of the debt for the  
32 facility where the inmates are to be housed;

33 WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Corrections currently utilizes 10 contract beds  
34 with Iron County;

35 WHEREAS, the approximate number of additional beds to be contracted in Iron  
36 County is 25;

37 WHEREAS, the state daily incarceration rate that the department will pay the county  
38 per inmate is currently \$46.85 per day;

39 WHEREAS, Iron County has sufficient facilities to accommodate additional state  
40 inmates and has met the requirements of Utah Code Annotated Subsection 64-13e-103(6); and

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

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
45 supports increasing the number of beds in the Iron County jail facility dedicated to housing  
46 state inmates from 10 to 35.

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

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