

**Senator Todd Weiler** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND  
DEVELOPMENTAL POLICIES**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Todd Weiler**

House Sponsor: Marc K. Roberts

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature rejects United Nations Agenda 21 and urges state and local governments across the United States to reject it.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse;
- ▶ urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process;
- ▶ urges Utah's state agencies and political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that, without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners;
- ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development";
- ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract services, or give financial aid to



26 those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations affiliated with Agenda 21;  
27       ▶ urges state and local governments across the United States to reject United Nations  
28 Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial aid attached to it; and  
29       ▶ urges support for locally directed regional planning efforts that protect local  
30 sovereignty and private property rights.

31 **Special Clauses:**

32       None

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

35       WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 was initiated at the United Nations  
36 Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992;

37       WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 is being introduced into local communities  
38 across the United States through the International Council of Local Environmental Initiatives,  
39 through local "sustainable development" policies including Smart Growth America, the  
40 Wildlands Project, and Center for Resilient Cities;

41       WHEREAS, the United Nations has accredited and enlisted numerous  
42 nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations to assist in the implementation of its  
43 policies relative to Agenda 21 around the world;

44       WHEREAS, the United Nations Agenda 21 plan of sustainable development views  
45 private property ownership, single family homes, private car ownership, individual travel  
46 choices, and privately owned farms as destructive to the environment;

47       WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is  
48 described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources  
49 afforded citizens by society and the environment, which would be accomplished by  
50 redistribution of wealth;

51       WHEREAS, according to United Nations Agenda 21 policy, national sovereignty is  
52 deemed a social injustice;

53       WHEREAS, Utah has a tradition of locally driven community planning efforts dating  
54 back to the first settlers who laid out a community plat that formed the basis for most of the  
55 cities in Utah;

56       WHEREAS, Utah regional planning efforts have focused on citizen participation, local

57 decision making, transparent processes, sound technical data, response to market demand, and  
58 respect for due process and private property;

59 WHEREAS, Utah's Associations of Governments and Councils of Governments are  
60 created and controlled by Utah ~~Ĥ→~~ counties, ~~←Ĥ~~ cities ~~Ĥ→~~, ~~←Ĥ~~ and towns, predate the  
60a adoption of Agenda 21 by more  
61 than 20 years, and provide a forum for these local governments to cooperate on issues of  
62 regional significance; and

63 WHEREAS, cooperative decision making that is locally driven and controlled provides  
64 great benefits in terms of cost and service delivery and continues to serve the state of Utah  
65 well:

66 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
67 rejects United Nations Agenda 21, both its intent and its potential for abuse.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and  
69 political subdivisions to not adopt or implement policy recommendations that deliberately or  
70 inadvertently infringe or restrict private property rights without due process, as may be required  
71 by policy recommendations originating in or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United  
72 Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, or any other international  
73 law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the  
74 Constitution of the state of Utah.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Utah's state agencies and  
76 political subdivisions to not adopt or develop environmental and developmental policies that,  
77 without due process, would infringe or restrict the private property rights of property owners.

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments  
79 across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of  
80 implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development."

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments  
82 across the United States to not enter into any agreement, expend any sum of money, contract  
83 services, or give financial aid to those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations  
84 affiliated with United Nations Agenda 21.

85 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments  
86 across the United States to reject United Nations Agenda 21 and any grant money or financial  
87 aid attached to it.

88           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah supports the  
89 locally directed regional planning efforts that are occurring in Utah and encourages other states  
90 to look to the Utah model of collaboration that protects local sovereignty and private property  
91 rights.

92           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Council of  
93 State Governments, the National Conference of State Legislatures, the National Association of  
94 Counties, the United Nations General Assembly, the Wildlands Project, Smart Growth  
95 America, Center for Resilient Cities, the International Council of Local Environmental  
96 Initiatives, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah League of Cities and Towns, the  
97 Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of  
98 Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.