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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: ~~text~~ Marc K. Roberts

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

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

Special Clauses:

None

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, according to the United Nations Agenda 21 policy, social justice is described as the right and opportunity of all people to benefit equally from the resources

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afforded citizens by society and the environment, which would be accomplished by redistribution of wealth;~~{and}~~

WHEREAS, according to United Nations Agenda 21 policy, national sovereignty is deemed a social injustice~~{and}~~;

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

WHEREAS, Utah regional planning efforts have focused on citizen participation, local decision making, transparent processes, sound technical data, response to market demand, and respect for due process and private property;

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature 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, as may be required by policy recommendations originating in~~{and}~~ or traceable to Agenda 21, adopted by the United Nations in 1992 at its Conference on Environment and Development, or any other international law or ancillary plan of action that contravenes the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of the state of Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state and local governments across the United States to be well informed regarding the underlying harmful implications of

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implementing United Nations Agenda 21's strategies for "sustainable development."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature 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 those nongovernmental and intergovernmental organizations ~~{as defined in}~~ affiliated with United Nations Agenda 21.

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

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

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

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