

Senator Mark B. Madsen proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UTAH

EDUCATION EXCELLENCE COMMISSION

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020;
- ▶ expresses the Legislature's determination to work with the Governor and Utah's education stakeholders to achieve the 66% goal through increased innovation and investment, and utilizing the PACE metrics as a measure of success; and
- ▶ urges all Utahns to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, education is a key pillar that supports Utah's success, well-being, and



26 prosperity;

27 WHEREAS, K-12 public education can help families provide a foundation in social
28 interaction, citizenship, knowledge, understanding, and basic life skills, including reading,
29 math, science, and history;

30 WHEREAS, the state of Utah must have 90% of students at proficiency in reading by
31 the end of the third grade;

32 WHEREAS, higher education provides opportunities for employment, service,
33 leadership, and personal enrichment;

34 WHEREAS, it is well documented that individuals with higher levels of education
35 enjoy greater health and are more engaged in civic life;

36 WHEREAS, for Utah's residents to succeed, K-12 and higher education in the state
37 must achieve a new level of innovation, excellence, and accountability;

38 WHEREAS, K-12 public and higher education in Utah must be strengthened and
39 empowered to increase the educational attainment of all Utahns;

40 WHEREAS, higher education in Utah provides opportunities for individuals to enhance
41 their quality of life and economic success;

42 WHEREAS, the opportunity to enhance quality of life and economic success should be
43 available to all Utahns;

44 WHEREAS, by 2020, 66% of all jobs in Utah will require postsecondary education;

45 WHEREAS, adults with a postsecondary certificate, an associate's, or bachelor's degree
46 earn 20% to 80% more than those without a degree;

47 WHEREAS, college graduates earn an average of \$650,000 more over their lifetimes
48 than high school graduates;

49 WHEREAS, 43% of adults in Utah currently hold a higher education degree or
50 postsecondary certificate;

51 WHEREAS, the Governor, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher
52 Education, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board
53 of Trustees, the Utah School Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards
54 Association, the Governor's Education Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of
55 Elementary School Principals, the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah
56 Education Association, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020 have adopted

57 a goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year
58 2020; and

59 WHEREAS, the Governor and each of these groups have endorsed the PACE metrics
60 that focus on Preparation, Access, Completion, and Economic Success for all of Utah's
61 students:

62 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
63 Governor concurring therein, expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of
64 Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor, working together
66 with the State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of
67 Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, the Utah School
68 Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education
69 Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of Elementary School Principals, the Utah
70 Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah Education Association, the Utah Parent
71 Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020, express their determination to achieve the 66% goal
72 through increased innovation, investment and accountability and utilizing the PACE metrics as
73 a measure of success.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all Utahns to
75 unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State
77 Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Education,
78 the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, Utah School Superintendents
79 Association, Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education Excellence
80 Commission, Elementary and Secondary School Principal's Associations, the Utah Education
81 Association, the Utah Parent Teacher's Association, and Prosperity 2020.