February 12, 2013

Madam Speaker:

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.C.R. 4**, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON UTAH WILDFIRES, by Representative J. Briscoe, with the following amendments:

1. *Page 2, Lines 49 through 57:*

    49   WHEREAS, 88% of wildfire starts were extinguished by local { ~~fire departments~~ } **resources** before

    50   they reached catastrophic size;

    51   WHEREAS, unfortunately, two aerial firefighters were killed when the air tanker they

    52   were flying in crashed near the White Rock Fire, three volunteer firefighters were seriously

    53   injured during the initial attack phase of the Clay Springs Fire, and one resident was killed in

    54   the Wood Hollow fire after refusing to evacuate;

    55   WHEREAS, costs to the state for fire suppression have been estimated at $16 million;

    56   WHEREAS, Utah { ~~received~~ } **applied for and received approval for** five Fire Management Assistance Grants through the

    57   Federal Emergency Management Agency;

2. *Page 3, Lines 75 through 76:*

    75   WHEREAS, the division also completed **{ project }** **hazard fuel mitigation** work on more than 40 properties as a

    76   direct result of this grant funding;

3. *Page 4, Lines 93 through 96:*

    93   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

    94   Governor concurring therein, express deep appreciation to the many dedicated individuals from

    95   state, federal, and local agencies, and volunteers who **worked to mitigate fuel hazards and to those who** responded to the fires that raged across

    96   the state during the 2012 wildland fire season.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Noel
Committee Chair

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