

JOINT RESOLUTION ON JAIL FACILITIES

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature supports contracting for beds for state inmates at correctional facilities in the counties of Tooele, Weber, Davis, Iron, Kane, Emery, Grand, and Garfield.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and the counties through a contract with the Utah Department of Corrections; and
- ▶ approves contracting for beds dedicated to housing state inmates in the counties of Tooele, Weber, Davis, Iron, Kane, Emery, Grand, and Garfield.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, counties in Utah contract with the Utah Department of Corrections to provide prison bed space for state prisoners;

WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and the counties and saved taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities while, at the same time, assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

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 a 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 is prepared to contract for:

- 34 1. 100 beds in Tooele County
- 35 2. 100 beds, in addition to the current 150 beds, in Weber County
- 36 3. 30 beds, in addition to the current 100 beds, in Davis County
- 37 4. 25 beds, in addition to the current 10 beds, in Iron County
- 38 5. 6 beds, in addition to the current 160 beds, in Kane County
- 39 6. 10 beds in Emery County
- 40 7. 10 beds, in addition to the current 10 beds, in Grand County
- 41 8. 4 beds, in addition to the current 92 beds, in Garfield County;

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

44 WHEREAS, the debt on the facilities that would house the inmates, and the payment
45 time on the debt, is:

- 46 1. \$25 million for 28 years in Tooele County
- 47 2. \$6.6 million for 4 years in Weber County
- 48 3. \$19 million for 11 years in Davis County
- 49 4. no facility debt in Iron County
- 50 5. \$18 million for 37 years in Kane County
- 51 6. no facility debt in Emery County
- 52 7. no facility debt in Grand County
- 53 8. \$49,000 for 7 years in Garfield County;

54 WHEREAS, these counties have sufficient existing facilities and beds to accommodate
55 state inmates and have met the requirements of Utah Code Annotated Subsection
56 [64-13e-103\(6\)](#); and

57 WHEREAS, contracting with the Utah Department of Corrections for additional prison
58 bed space would greatly assist the state in addressing projected bed space and treatment needs,

59 and Iron County's efforts to have sufficient capacity to house its prison populations:

60 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
61 supports contracting for beds in jail facilities in the counties of Tooele, Weber, Davis, Iron,
62 Kane, Emery, Grand, and Garfield in the amounts specified in this resolution.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Tooele,
64 Weber, Davis, Iron, Kane, Emery, Grand, and Garfield County Commissions and the Utah
65 Department of Corrections.

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