

**PRIVATIZATION OF GOVERNMENT SERVICES JOINT  
RESOLUTION**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature recognizes the value of privatization of government services in some circumstances and urges that decisions to privatize be conducted only after thorough and careful review to ensure that privatization is in the public's best interest.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes that there are appropriate circumstances in which the state may choose to privatize a government service;
- ▶ urges that privatization should be done only after all other possible service delivery options have been explored;
- ▶ urges that the public good to be attained by any privatization of government services should be clearly identified so that the effectiveness of the outcomes may be measured;
- ▶ urges that the process for determining whether to privatize a government service should be conducted in full transparency, provide for accountability in the decision making process, be productive for both government and the private sector, and include government oversight to ensure effectiveness and efficiency;
- ▶ urges that all alternatives to privatization should be explored and thoroughly



28 evaluated prior to any decision to privatize a government service; and

29       ▶ urges that, after all other options are explored, privatization of services should be  
30 recognized as being in the public's best interest.

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

33       WHEREAS, there are circumstances in which it is appropriate for the state to choose to  
34 privatize a government service;

35       WHEREAS, privatization has a place in government and in the community;

36       WHEREAS, when privatization is made the delivery option for certain services, the  
37 public good to be attained by the privatization should be clearly identified so that the  
38 effectiveness of the outcomes may be measured;

39       WHEREAS, all alternatives to privatization should be explored and thoroughly  
40 evaluated prior to any decision to privatize a government service;

41       WHEREAS, the process for determining whether to privatize a government service  
42 should be conducted in full transparency, provide for accountability in the decision making  
43 process, be productive for both government and the private sector, and include government  
44 oversight to ensure that the privatization of services is operating effectively and efficiently; and

45       WHEREAS, privatization of government services that is conducted in this manner  
46 should be considered as being in the public's best interest:

47       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
48 recognizes that there are circumstances in which it is appropriate for the state to choose to  
49 privatize a government service and that privatization has a place in government and in the  
50 community.

51       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that the public good to be  
52 attained by any privatization of government services should be clearly identified so that the  
53 effectiveness of the outcomes may be measured.

54       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that the process for  
55 determining whether to privatize a government service should be conducted in full  
56 transparency, provide for accountability in the decision making process, be productive for both  
57 government and the private sector, and include government oversight to ensure effectiveness  
58 and efficiency.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that all alternatives to  
60 privatization should be explored and thoroughly evaluated prior to any decision to privatize a  
61 government service.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges that privatization of  
63 government services conducted in the manner outlined in this resolution should be considered  
64 as being in the public's best interest.

65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution should be sent to the Salt  
66 Lake City Chamber of Commerce for distribution to each of Utah's chambers of commerce.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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