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Senator Kirk A. Cullimore proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING SOLUTIONS FOR THE CENTRAL WASATCH MOUNTAINS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution urges solutions for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the tremendous value of the Central Wasatch Mountains;
- ▶ acknowledges the work of the Central Wasatch Commission to develop solutions that address significant transportation and land management issues;
- ▶ urges the President of the United States, Congress, and Utah's congressional delegation to propose and secure passage of legislation that uses the principles the Mountain Accord developed and implements the Central Wasatch Commission's

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recommendations; and

- reflects the desires of local and state governments to work with all parties to further solutions to longstanding issues and desires of the parties of the Mountain Accord.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Mountains have enormous economic, watershed, natural, and recreational value for the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, resolving the longstanding issues facing the Central Wasatch Mountains and providing for the implementation of actions that will serve the Central Wasatch Region and the state of Utah benefits all parties, interests, and governmental entities;

WHEREAS, the severe traffic congestion in the Cottonwood Canyons and other areas, including associated safety problems, is the most urgent issue affecting the safe and enjoyable use of the Central Wasatch Mountains;

WHEREAS, in 2012, the Legislature passed and the Governor concurred in S.C.R. 10, Concurrent Resolution Supporting Utah's Interconnected Ski and Snowboard Industry, which urged the low-impact interconnection of the seven Salt Lake County and Summit County ski resorts and supported a comprehensive set of solutions to transportation problems in the Wasatch Mountains;

WHEREAS, public and private parties worked together for five years to find solutions to longstanding issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains, resulting in a comprehensive agreement, the Mountain Accord, signed by all major stakeholders;

WHEREAS, part of the Mountain Accord called for the establishment of a coordinating and implementing governmental entity, which became the Central Wasatch Commission, formed in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, by the state of Utah and all the local governments in and around the Central Wasatch Mountains;

~~{ WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Commission, dedicated to collaborative processes, has acted unanimously to seek passage of federal legislation to advance land, resource, and transportation solutions for the Central Wasatch Mountains;~~

‡ WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Commission, working with the Utah Department of

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Transportation and all affected parties, seeks local, state, and federal solutions to the increasing transportation issues limiting access and ability to enjoy the Central Wasatch Mountains;

WHEREAS, the ~~{primary stakeholders, working with the }~~ Central Wasatch Commission ~~{, have arrived at a comprehensive approach and propose federal legislation that would:~~

- ~~_____~~ • ~~provide}~~ and many stakeholders have made progress in negotiating compromises and developing potential solutions regarding:
- providing additional direction for the federal lands managed by the United States Forest Service; and
- ~~{consolidate}~~ consolidating public and private ownership through land exchanges in sensible realignments that protect public interests and promote private interests; ~~{~~

~~_____~~ WHEREAS, the work of the Central Wasatch Commission that is reflected in the proposed federal legislation respects and supports private property rights and existing uses;

~~_____~~ WHEREAS, a new federal lands designation established by Congress would:

- ~~_____~~ • ~~add to existing land and resource protections;~~
 - ~~_____~~ • ~~balance developed and undeveloped areas and users;~~
 - ~~_____~~ • ~~protect invaluable water sources and the unique Central Wasatch Mountains environment and recreational uses; and~~
 - ~~_____~~ • ~~reflect the local desires agreed upon by all the locally-elected officials;}~~
- and

WHEREAS, in accordance with legislative appropriations and direction, the Utah Department of Transportation and the Central Wasatch Commission are determining approaches to address the transportation crisis in Little Cottonwood Canyon and Big Cottonwood Canyon in conjunction with other transportation solutions on the Wasatch Front and Wasatch Back through an Environmental Impact Statement and Transportation Corridor Action Plan:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, reflecting the will of local communities and many interests, urge the President of the United States, Congress, and Utah's congressional delegation to ~~{pass}~~ develop legislation ~~{reflecting}~~ that builds upon the work of the Central Wasatch

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Commission ~~{ and the years of collaborative effort resulting from the Mountain Accord}~~,
addresses unresolved concerns of major stakeholders, and provides for expeditious federal
permitting for transportation solutions involving federal land.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Wasatch Commission, Utah
Department of Transportation, Utah Transit Authority, and local and federal governments
~~{immediately implement}~~ continue working toward solutions to transportation issues in the
Central Wasatch Mountains that will address traffic congestion effectively and ~~{efficiently and
integrate}~~ can be implemented pending congressional action on long-term
~~{approaches}~~ solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Central Wasatch Commission continue to work
with all private and public interests to collaboratively move forward with locally-based
approaches that will serve the short- and long-term needs and desires of local communities and
the state of Utah.