

**Joint Resolution Regarding State Prisoner
Placement in Iron County Correctional Facility**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

Senate Sponsor: Evan J. Vickers

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution supports contracting for beds for state inmates at the Iron County correctional facility.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and the counties through a contract with the Department of Corrections; and
- approves contracting for additional beds dedicated to housing state inmates in Iron County.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, counties in Utah contract with the 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 by saving 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 Subsection 64-13e-103(6), the Department of Corrections may not enter into a contract with a county to house state inmates unless the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution that includes the approximate number of

beds to be contracted, the approximate amount of a county's long-term debt, and the repayment time of the debt for the facility where inmates are to be housed;

WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections is authorized to contract for 165 beds in addition to the current 35 beds in Iron County;

WHEREAS, the correctional facility that will house the inmates in Iron County has \$87,500,000 in facility debt, and the repayment time for the debt for the facility is a 40-year period starting in 2024;

WHEREAS, Iron County will have sufficient facilities and beds to accommodate additional state inmates and has met the requirements of Utah Code Subsection 64-13e-103(6); and

WHEREAS, contracting with the Department of Corrections for additional jail bed space would assist the state in addressing projected bed space and treatment needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah approves contracting for beds in the correctional facility located in Iron County in the amount specified in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Iron County Commission and the Department of Corrections.