

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

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Derrin R. Owens**

House Sponsor: Troy Shelley

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution supports contracting for beds for state inmates at the Juab 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 Juab County.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, counties in Utah contract with the Department of Corrections to provide prison beds 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 205 beds in addition to the current 15 beds in Juab County;

WHEREAS, the correctional facility that will house the inmates in Juab County has \$60,000,000 in facility debt, and the repayment time for the debt for the facility is a 30-year period;

WHEREAS, Juab County will have sufficient facilities and beds to accommodate the 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, rehabilitation, and security needs:

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

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