

Concurrent Resolution Regarding Technical Education

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rosalba Dominguez

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution encourages the State Board of Education and local education agencies to create and offer instruction in courses that will prepare students for certain careers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- acknowledges the importance of specialized technical skills and industry-recognized credentials for a skilled workforce and improved economic strength;
supports efforts to improve technical education; and
encourages the State Board of Education and local education agencies to:
expand instruction related to technical education;
collaborate with certain partners; and
use certain existing programs.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah's economic strength relies on a skilled workforce that meets the needs of emerging and foundational industries;

WHEREAS, the nuclear, mining, and fiber optics industries provide high-wage, high-demand career opportunities that support energy independence, infrastructure development, and technological advancement in the state;

WHEREAS, Utah employers in these industries report a growing need for workers with specialized technical skills and industry-recognized credentials;

29 WHEREAS, the Utah State Board of Education and local education agencies oversee career
30 and technical education programs that connect students with workforce-ready skills;

31 WHEREAS, career and technical education programs in Utah schools already prepare
32 students for employment through hands-on learning, industry partnerships, and
33 credential-aligned instruction;

34 WHEREAS, targeted instruction and certification pathways in nuclear technology, mining
35 operations, and fiber optic installation and maintenance can lead directly to employment,
36 including partial or full industry certifications; and

37 WHEREAS, expanded access to these programs can strengthen Utah's workforce pipeline
38 while providing students with clear, practical career options:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
40 Governor concurring therein, encourages the Utah State Board of Education and local
41 education agencies to create, expand, and offer instruction that prepares students for careers in
42 nuclear, mining, and fiber optics fields.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages the
44 development of coursework and training programs that lead to partial or full industry
45 certifications, including certifications for electric lineworkers and other technical occupations
46 within these industries.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages school-based career and
48 technical education programs and the Catalyst Center to collaborate with industry partners to
49 deliver relevant, hands-on instruction aligned with workforce demands.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages ongoing coordination
51 between education providers and employers to ensure that Utah students gain the skills,
52 credentials, and experience needed to succeed in these critical career fields.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be prepared and submitted to
54 the State Board of Education and each local education agency in the state.