

Concurrent Resolution Emphasizing Utah's Commitment to Advanced Air Mobility

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Wayne A. Harper

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution recognizes Utah's role in aerospace innovation and affirms the state's commitment to developing and implementing Advanced Air Mobility technologies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- recognizes Utah's history as a global leader in aerospace innovation and research;
- describes the potential of Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) technologies;
- recognizes Utah's ideal political, economic, and geographic environments for the testing and implementation of AAM technologies;
- outlines Utah's long-term goal to establish an operational AAM system and vertiport network before the 2034 Winter Olympic Games; and
- expresses the intent of the Legislature to collaborate with federal agency partners, including the Federal Aviation Administration and the United States Department of Transportation.

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 has been a global leader in aerospace innovation, development, and research of technologies that improve safety, mobility, and generation of revenue for the state;

WHEREAS, Advanced Air Mobility (AAM), including vertical takeoff and landing of aircraft, has the potential to enhance transportation efficiency, emergency response, and

28 economic development;

29 WHEREAS, Utah has enacted several pieces of legislation enabling an ideal regulatory
30 environment for the progression of AAM;

31 WHEREAS, Utah's geographic diversity, growing population, and leading aerospace
32 environment position the state to serve as a pilot and partner for emerging AAM technologies;

33 WHEREAS, Utah's AAM coalition includes government, academia, cities, communities,
34 counties, airports, and industry leaders, making Utah an ideal location for AAM testing and
35 collaboration;

36 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Utah has previously appropriated funds for
37 AAM personnel and mobile command stations to support test site operations, partnerships,
38 safety coordination, and real-world trials conducted by public, private, and academic partners,
39 including beyond visual line of sight operations and integrated air and ground communications;

40 WHEREAS, Utah has taken steps to partner with industry leaders to develop strategies to
41 deploy air taxis and AAM parcel deliveries;

42 WHEREAS, Utah has articulated a long-term vision to establish a network of operating
43 vertiports and an operational AAM system prior to the 2034 Winter Olympic Games, enabling
44 AAM to serve as an integral component of the state's transportation solution for the Olympics;
45 and

46 WHEREAS, Utah is a committed partner to the United States Department of Transportation
47 and the Federal Aviation Administration, sharing commitment to the safe, secure, and
48 economically viable deployment of AAM nationwide:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
50 Governor concurring therein, affirms the state's commitment to supporting the development
51 and implementation of AAM technologies within the state.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor
53 concurring therein, expresses intent to collaborate with federal agency partners to ensure the
54 state's involvement with AAM policies continues to be an example to the world.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in recognition of fiscal limitations, this resolution
56 does not authorize or require the appropriation of state funds, but instead emphasizes policy
57 leadership, coordination, and advocacy.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be shared with the United
59 States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration for their
60 information and consideration.