

Concurrent Resolution Supporting Rugby League in Utah

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lisa Shepherd

Senate Sponsor:

LONG TITLE**General Description:**

This resolution supports Rugby League in Utah.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- supports growth of Rugby League in Utah; and
- encourages public and private stakeholders to introduce and expand access to Rugby

League in Utah.

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, Rugby League is a dynamic, inclusive, and growing international sport that promotes athleticism, teamwork, community engagement, and cultural exchange;

WHEREAS, Utah is home of the USA Rugby League Commission and the most Rugby League Teams in the United States;

WHEREAS, Rugby League is distinct from other codes of rugby and has a rich history of development and competition, with global popularity in Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Islands;

WHEREAS, Utah has a growing and diverse population with an increasing interest in a variety of sports and recreational opportunities, including Rugby League;

WHEREAS, Utah is home to youth, amateur, and semi-professional rugby organizations and clubs that provide positive outlets for young people, encourage physical activity, and build community cohesion;

WHEREAS, supporting Rugby League in Utah aligns with the state's goal to become "The State of Sport," promotes healthy lifestyles, expands sporting opportunities, and encourages

31 the development of emerging sports; and

32 WHEREAS, increased recognition of Rugby League in Utah will attract regional, national,
33 and international competitions and events, contributing to local economic development and
34 tourism:

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
36 Governor concurring therein, expresses support for the continued growth, promotion, and
37 development of Rugby League within the state.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage public and
39 private stakeholders, including local governments, school districts, community organizations,
40 and sports commissions, to support initiatives that introduce and expand access to Rugby
41 League in Utah.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Sports
43 Commission, the Utah Rugby League Clubs, the USA Rugby League Commission, and the
44 Pacific Sports International.