

Stephen L. Whyte proposes the following substitute bill:

Concurrent Resolution Regarding the Utah Housing Strategic Plan

2026 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen L. Whyte

Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution supports the implementation of the Utah Housing Strategic Plan.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- finds that implementation of the Utah Housing Strategic Plan meets the state's goals by combining the housing-related policy efforts of the state;
- supports implementing the Utah Housing Strategic Plan; and
- commits to track implementation and results of the Utah Housing Strategic Plan.

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 is one of the fastest growing states, by population, in the United States;

WHEREAS, this rapid population growth has significantly increased the demand for housing across all income levels and regions of the state;

WHEREAS, the Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute and the Office of the Legislator Auditor General identified a persistent and growing gap between housing supply and housing demand, which contributes to rising home purchasing prices;

WHEREAS, high housing costs negatively impact workforce recruitment, economic competitiveness, and quality of life for Utah businesses and residents;

WHEREAS, housing assistance programs, economic incentive programs, and housing planning initiatives exist within multiple government agencies resulting in housing development delays and subsequently, increased housing costs;

WHEREAS, a comprehensive statewide housing strategy is needed to align land use,

30 infrastructure investment, transportation planning, and economic development goals to meet
31 Utah's housing needs;

32 WHEREAS, during the 2025 General Session, H.C.R.14, House Concurrent Resolution
33 Supporting Streamlining Utah Housing Policies, recommended streamlining and consolidating
34 Utah's housing programs to increase alignment and coordination among governmental entities;

35 WHEREAS, H.B. 37, Utah Housing Amendments, from the 2025 General Session required
36 the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget to develop a state housing plan no later than
37 December 31, 2025; and

38 WHEREAS, the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, in partnership with more than
39 100 stakeholders, including legislators, completed the development of the Utah Housing
40 Strategic Plan that outlines Utah's housing goals and includes guiding principles, outcome
41 metrics, and recommendations to meet Utah's housing needs:

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
43 Governor concurring therein, find that implementation of the Utah Housing Strategic Plan
44 meets the state's goals of creating government efficiency and reducing duplication of services
45 and confusion for political subdivisions, state government, and stakeholders by combining the
46 housing-related policy efforts of the state.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support
48 implementing the Utah Housing Strategic Plan to align and coordinate statewide efforts to
49 increase housing supply and improve affordability.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commit to track the
51 Utah Housing Strategic Plan implementation and results to ensure the plan remains responsive
52 to Utah's changing housing needs.