

1 **RESOLUTION ON OLYMPIC EXECUTIVE**

2 **COMMITTEE**

3 1998 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Susan J. Koehn**

6 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR
7 ENCOURAGING THE APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UTAH
8 LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SALT
9 LAKE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR THE OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES OF 2002.

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

11 WHEREAS the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 will be one of the most important civic,
12 social, and sporting events in the history of the state;

13 WHEREAS in 1989, prior to obtaining the right for Salt Lake City to host the Olympic
14 Winter Games of 2002 and without guarantee of reimbursement, the Utah State Legislature, the
15 Utah League of Cities and Towns, and the Utah Association of Counties agreed that 1/32 % of
16 state and local sales and use tax revenues should be diverted for ten years to provide funds to
17 construct Olympic venues;

18 WHEREAS the Olympic venues constructed with state and local sales and use tax revenue
19 were instrumental in Salt Lake City obtaining the right to host the Olympic Winter Games of 2002;

20 WHEREAS S.J.R. 17 from the 1994 Legislative General Session required that, contingent
21 on obtaining the right to host the Olympic Winter Games of 2002, the Salt Lake Olympic
22 Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 would reimburse the diverted sales and use tax
23 revenue to the state and local governments;

24 WHEREAS by 1999 when the diversion ends, the cities and town portion of the funds used
25 to build Olympic venues will be approximately \$25,000,000, which would have otherwise been
26 invested by the approximately 230 cities and towns in their individual communities;

27 WHEREAS although a majority of the cities and towns donating their revenues are located

1 far from Olympic venue sites, they agreed to the diversion because they believe that the Olympics
2 belong to citizens throughout the state and will benefit the entire state;

3 WHEREAS because the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 are fast approaching, the Salt
4 Lake Olympic Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 and the citizens of the state
5 must work closely, openly, and cooperatively so that the citizens of the state have confidence in
6 and support for the efforts of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee;

7 WHEREAS in order for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 to be successful in the minds
8 of the citizens of the state, the citizens must feel that their investment in and support of the
9 Olympics results in a positive legacy of opportunities, facilities, programs, and an absence of a
10 taxpayer bailout of potential budget shortfalls;

11 WHEREAS although the Salt Lake Olympic Committee for the Olympic Winter Games
12 of 2002 is a non-governmental entity that is funded privately, many venues to be used for the
13 Olympic Games have been built using tax dollars and with public support; and

14 WHEREAS the effort to prepare for and host the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 is a
15 public-private partnership that requires public participation in the decision making process:

16 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the governor and the Legislature support the
17 appointment of a representative of the Utah League of Cities and Towns to the Executive
18 Committee of the Salt Lake Olympic Committee for the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 to help
19 ensure that the citizens of the state have more representation and participation in the decision
20 making process; sales tax revenues are properly reimbursed; and Utah communities share in the
21 Olympic legacy.

Legislative Review Note
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A limited legal review of this bill raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

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