

1                                   **RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR HEARING**  
2   **DISABILITIES**

3   2001 GENERAL SESSION

4   STATE OF UTAH

5   **Sponsor: Loraine T. Pace**

6   **This resolution of the House of Representatives urges places of public accommodation to**  
7   **more fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act to ensure that persons who are**  
8   **deaf or hard of hearing receive the assistance required by the act.**

9   *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

10           WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act is a federal law aimed at stopping  
11   discrimination against people with disabilities;

12           WHEREAS, the Americans with Disabilities Act governs a wide variety of public  
13   accommodations including hotels, restaurants, movie and other theaters, auditoriums, offices of  
14   doctors, lawyers, and other professionals, hospitals, nursing homes, drug stores, insurance  
15   agencies, retail stores, museums, banks, libraries, parks, private schools and colleges, amusement  
16   and recreation facilities, and day care centers;

17           WHEREAS, many places of public accommodation throughout the state of Utah do not  
18   have services and equipment that are adequate to meet the communication access needs of persons  
19   who are deaf or hard of hearing;

20           WHEREAS, those who are deaf or hard of hearing often retreat from society rather than  
21   struggle to have their unique needs heard and understood;

22           WHEREAS, places of public accommodation should work quickly and decisively to meet  
23   the communication access needs of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing and comply with  
24   federal laws and regulations;

25           WHEREAS, places of public accommodation may choose among various alternatives,  
26   including assistive listening systems, captioning, and interpreting, to meet the communication  
27   access needs of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing so long as the result is effective



28 communication for the individual with hearing loss; and

29 WHEREAS, it is vital that places of public accommodation comply more fully with the  
30 Americans with Disabilities Act as it applies to persons who are deaf or hard of hearing:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the state  
32 of Utah urges places of public accommodation to more fully comply with the provisions of the  
33 Americans with Disabilities Act governing services for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the House of Representatives urge that places of public  
35 accommodation comply with federal law to ensure that Utahns who are deaf or hard of hearing are  
36 more firmly connected to society.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State  
38 Division of Services to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

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

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**