

1 **RESOLUTION REGARDING RADIATION**

2 **EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT**

3 2004 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Darin G. Peterson**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges that additional counties in Utah be added
10 to the list of counties qualifying for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)
11 funds.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

14 ▶ urges the National Academies' Board on Radiation Effects Research to recommend
15 that Juab, Grand, Emery, and Sanpete Counties be added to the list of counties
16 whose citizens may qualify for Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)
17 funds.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

21 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

22 WHEREAS, the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) provides
23 compensation to citizens who developed certain cancers as a result of exposure to radioactive
24 fallout from nuclear tests conducted between January 21, 1951 to October 31, 1958 and June
25 30, 1962 to July, 1962;

26 WHEREAS, to qualify, citizens had to be residents of Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane,
27 Wayne, Millard, Piute, San Juan, Sevier, and Washington Counties in Utah;



28 WHEREAS, some citizens who resided in several counties in Arizona and Nevada also
29 qualified for compensation under the Act; and

30 WHEREAS, residents of Juab, Grand, Emery, and Sanpete Counties were also exposed
31 to radiation comparable to the residents of currently eligible counties:

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
33 urges the National Academies' Board on Radiation Effects Research to recommend that Juab,
34 Grand, Emery, and Sanpete Counties be added to the list of RECA eligible counties.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the National
36 Academies' Board on Radiation Effects Research.

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

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State Impact

Mailing requirements of this resolution can be handled within existing budgets.

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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