

1 **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NATIONAL BEAR**
2 **RIVER HERITAGE AREA ACT**

3 2005 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Sponsor: Craig W. Buttars**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This joint resolution of the Legislature urges Congress to pass the National Bear River
10 Heritage Area Act.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ expresses support for the designation of the National Bear River Heritage Area Act;
14 and
15 ▶ urges Congress to pass the Act.

16 **Special Clauses:**

17 None

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

20 WHEREAS, Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties in Utah and four counties in Idaho
21 will be considered in the 109th Congress of the United States for designation as the National
22 Bear River Heritage Area;

23 WHEREAS, the purposes of the National Bear River Heritage Area are: to foster a
24 closer working relationship with all levels of government, the private sector, residents, business
25 interests, and local communities in Utah and Idaho; to empower communities in Utah to
26 exercise stewardship of their heritage while strengthening future economic opportunities; to
27 interpret, develop, and encourage stewardship of the historical, cultural, and recreational



28 resources within the heritage area; and to expand, foster, and develop heritage businesses and
29 products relating to the cultural heritage of the area;

30 WHEREAS, Utah's portion of the proposed heritage area has achieved national
31 significance for its historical, cultural, and natural legacies;

32 WHEREAS, Utah's legacies include: Washakie, an early 20th Century Northwestern
33 Shoshone settlement and cemetery; its trapping and fur trade history; the breadth and scope of
34 the state's 19th Century emigration and colonization experience; the state's development of
35 transportation routes and technology, which helped expand the United States geographically
36 and politically; Utah's natural resources such as wilderness, wildlife, grazing, timber, and
37 minerals; Utah's growth of a viable arid lands agricultural economy; and Utah's architecture,
38 significant historic landscapes, and national sites, including the Golden Spike National Historic
39 Site where the first Transcontinental Railroad was completed;

40 WHEREAS, the historic, cultural, natural, and agricultural importance of Box Elder,
41 Cache, and Rich Counties makes their designation as part of a National Heritage Area entirely
42 appropriate; and

43 WHEREAS, passage of the National Bear River Heritage Area Act will bring even
44 greater recognition to the contributions of Utah to the historic, cultural, natural, and agricultural
45 richness of the United States of America:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
47 expresses support for the National Bear River Heritage Area Act.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah urges the
49 United States Congress and Utah's congressional delegation to support the Act.

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority
51 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
52 and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note
as of 1-19-05 10:18 AM

A limited legal review of this legislation raises no obvious constitutional or statutory concerns.

Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note
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State Impact

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

Individual and Business Impact

No fiscal impact.

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