

**RESOLUTION APPROVING UTAH
RECREATIONAL LAND EXCHANGE**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Sponsor: Beverly Ann Evans

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor supports a proposed exchange of state school and institutional trust lands and mineral interests for federal lands and mineral interests.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ expresses support for a proposed exchange between the state of Utah and the United States government of state school and institutional trust lands and mineral interests for federal lands and mineral interests in Grand and Uintah counties.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Utah has an important role in reviewing land exchange proposals between subdivisions of the state and the United States;

WHEREAS, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration is seeking federal legislation authorizing the state of Utah to exchange up to 48,000 acres of state school and institutional trust lands and mineral interests for up to 40,000 acres of federal lands and mineral interests;

WHEREAS, the legislation would exchange state school and institutional trust lands that are currently scattered and, in many cases, surrounded by federal lands for consolidated lands that could be more efficiently managed and administered for the benefit of the trust land

beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, the proposed exchange would also help preserve lands with significant scenic and recreational values within the Colorado River corridor, the vicinity of Dinosaur National Monument, and the Book Cliffs, benefiting local economies and that of the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the proposed exchange is in the best interests of the citizens of Utah:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, support the proposed land exchange between the state of Utah and the United States government.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor request that the United States Congress enact laws authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to take all necessary actions to complete this exchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Secretary of the Interior, Utah's School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.