

**RESOLUTION APPROVING UTAH  
RECREATIONAL LAND EXCHANGE**

2005 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Beverly Ann Evans**

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**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

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*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



28 that are currently scattered and, in many cases, surrounded by federal lands for consolidated  
29 lands that could be more efficiently managed and administered for the benefit of the trust land  
30 beneficiaries;

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

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

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

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

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

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**Legislative Review Note**  
**as of 1-6-05 12:01 PM**

Based on a limited legal review, this legislation has not been determined to have a high probability of being held unconstitutional.

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

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**Fiscal Note**  
**Bill Number SCR004**

**Resolution Approving Utah Recreational Land Exchange**

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**State Impact**

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

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**Individual and Business Impact**

No fiscal impact.

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**Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst**