

1                   **RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING STATE UNIVERSITIES'**  
2                   **AND SCHOOL INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS'**  
3                   **EFFORTS IN ENHANCING STATE TRUST LANDS**

4                                   2007 GENERAL SESSION

5                                   STATE OF UTAH

6                                   **Chief Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings**

7                                   Senate Sponsor: Ed Mayne

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9                   **LONG TITLE**

10                   **General Description:**

11                   This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor encourages state  
12 colleges and universities and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to  
13 work together as natural resources, located on School and Institutional Trust Lands, are  
14 identified and developed to maximize the economic benefits of the trust beneficiaries.

15                   **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                   This resolution:

- 17                   ▶ encourages state colleges and universities to notify the School and Institutional  
18 Trust Lands Administration whenever research results uncover innovative ways in  
19 which resources with the potential to provide significant revenues, such as  
20 hydrocarbons, precious and industrial metals, and renewable energy sources, could  
21 be utilized to maximize the economic benefits in the best interests of the trust  
22 beneficiaries; and
- 23                   ▶ encourages the development of resources on lands administered by the School and  
24 Institutional Trust Lands Administration as a critical source to build the permanent  
25 State School Fund to provide greater future education funding.

26                   **Special Clauses:**

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

WHEREAS, Utah is a state endowed with abundant natural resources;

WHEREAS, the production of minerals benefits Utah's economy, communities, government, and people;

WHEREAS, when that production occurs on school and institutional trust lands, there is additional benefit to Utah's schools, universities, and other institutions that are the beneficiaries of the land trusts established at statehood for their support;

WHEREAS, identifying new uses of natural resources from trust lands and developing the minerals needed for their creative use are key steps to ensuring that the economic benefits from the production of the resources will be optimized in the best interests of the beneficiaries of the trust lands, to increasing the standard of living for all, to improving Utah's tax base, and to providing greater economic independence of our country;

WHEREAS, the production of resources from trust lands generates substantial wealth for Utah's schools and institutions, whose annual revenues have increased significantly and whose permanent funds have increased from \$19 million in 1983 to over \$800 million today;

WHEREAS, the annual increases from trust lands to the permanent State School Fund now exceed the increases that had accumulated during the first century after statehood, and the endeavors of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration and Board of Trustees, the State Treasurer, the Investment Advisory Committee, and the beneficiaries have been highly successful;

WHEREAS, the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration continuously improves its database of the mineral, wind, and natural resources available on trust lands and their uses for the benefit of Utah's school children and other beneficiaries of the trust lands;

WHEREAS, there have been numerous mutually advantageous collaborations between Utah's colleges and universities and the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration since 1994 for many traditional uses of land such as the studies by Utah State University of the Cinnamon Creek block, the recoverable timber in the Book Cliffs, the development plan for Big Water, the University of Utah's studies of the permanent trust funds, and a market analysis of the trust lands in St. George; and

WHEREAS, Utah's colleges and universities could, through research and

59 experimentation, identify and develop new, innovative uses for resources found on trust lands  
60 whenever possible when applying for federal and institutional research grant projects:

61         NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah, the  
62 Governor concurring therein, encourage state colleges and universities to notify the School and  
63 Institutional Trust Lands Administration whenever research results uncover innovative ways in  
64 which resources with the potential to provide significant revenues, such as hydrocarbons,  
65 precious and industrial metals, and renewable energy sources could be utilized to maximize the  
66 economic benefits in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries.

67         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the  
68 development of resources on lands administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands  
69 Administration as a critical source to build the permanent State School Fund to provide greater  
70 future education funding.

71         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize the  
72 efforts of all parties named above that have contributed to the phenomenal growth of both the  
73 revenue from Utah's trust lands and the growth of the trust funds that have led to the greatly  
74 increased revenues to Utah's public schools and higher education beneficiaries.

75         BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to all Utah public  
76 universities, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Utah State Board of  
77 Education, the Utah State Office of Education, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Board of  
78 Trustees of the School and Institutional Trust Lands, and the School and Institutional Trust  
79 Lands Administration.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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**Individual, Business and/or Local Impact**

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for individuals, businesses, or local governments.

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