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**RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO  
ADDRESS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER  
IDENTITY THEFT**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker**

House Sponsor: David Clark

Cosponsors: John W. Hickman Peter C. Knudson

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges the United States Congress to pass legislation to resolve federal identity theft and fraud issues.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

► urges the United States Congress to pass identity theft and fraud legislation related to the intentional misuse of a Social Security number by an individual or a company;

► urges that the legislation include increased **§→ and effective ←§** verification requirements by companies, **§→ accompanied by the tools and resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent, ←§**

increased penalties for individuals who intentionally use fraudulent Social Security numbers to obtain employment, avoid child support obligations, or for other personal gain; and

► urges that the legislation include increased penalties for companies who repeatedly report wages on employees with fraudulent Social Security numbers.

**Special Clauses:**

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

WHEREAS, identity theft and fraud includes the theft of a person's Social Security number for the purpose of obtaining employment, avoiding child support payments, or for other personal gain;

WHEREAS, contributing to the problems are companies ~~§~~→ [who] that do not have the tools or resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent and companies that ←~~§~~ are notified of fraudulent Social Security numbers of employees but take no corrective action; and

WHEREAS, identity theft and fraud are national problems that must be addressed with additional countermeasures:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress to support, work to pass, and vote for legislation that prevents the misuse of a person's Social Security number, whether by an individual or a company.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor urge that the legislation include increased ~~§~~→ and effective ←~~§~~ verification requirements by companies ~~§~~→ , accompanied by the tools and resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent, ←~~§~~ and increased penalties for individuals who intentionally use fraudulent Social Security numbers to obtain employment, avoid child support obligations, or for other personal gain.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge that the legislation include increased penalties for companies who repeatedly report wages on employees with fraudulent Social Security numbers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Social Security Administration, the Utah Department of Workforce Services, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
as of 11-15-06 4:16 PM

**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

**Interim Committee Note**  
as of 12-18-06 1:05 PM

The Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee recommended this bill.

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**Fiscal Note****S.C.R. 1 - Resolution Urging Congress to Address Social Security Number Identity Theft**

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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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