

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING  
GARFIELD COUNTY EXPANSION OF  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

2007 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell**

House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature supports jail expansion in Garfield County through a contract with the Utah Department of Corrections.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ supports Garfield County's expansion of its correctional facilities by means of a contract between the county and the Utah Department of Corrections.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, counties contract with the Department of Corrections to provide prison bed space for state prisoners;

WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and the counties and saved taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities while at the same time assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code Annotated, Subsection 64-13c-401(1), "the department [of Corrections] may enter into a contract with a county government to house



28 inmates only if the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution" containing the  
29 approximate number of beds contracted, the county's average daily rate the department will pay  
30 the county per inmate, and the approximate amount of the county's long-term debt and the  
31 length of that debt for the facility where the inmates are to be housed;

32 WHEREAS, the approximate ~~80~~ **additional** ~~80~~ number of beds to be contracted in  
32a Garfield County is 80;

33 WHEREAS, Garfield County's average daily rate the department will pay the county  
34 per inmate, as determined under Title 64, Chapter 13c, Part 3, Reimbursement of Inmate Costs,  
35 is currently \$42.32 per day;

36 WHEREAS, Garfield County estimates the cost at \$3.25 million and plans to finance  
37 the full amount with 25-year bonds;

38 WHEREAS, this planning cannot begin until authorization to build is received, and the  
39 Utah Department of Corrections will report this information to the Legislature as soon as it is  
40 determined; and

41 WHEREAS, contracting with the Utah Department of Corrections for additional prison  
42 bed space would greatly assist the state and Garfield County's efforts to have sufficient capacity  
43 to house its prison populations:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
45 supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and to Garfield County.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Garfield  
47 County Commission and to the Utah Department of Corrections.

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**State Impact**

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations. Future appropriations will be required if the state contracts beds from the county.

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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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