

1 **RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO**
2 **ADDRESS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER**
3 **IDENTITY THEFT**

4 2007 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Carlene M. Walker**

7 House Sponsor: David Clark

8 Cosponsors: John W. Hickman Peter C. Knudson

10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

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

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

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

19 ▶ urges that the legislation include increased and effective verification requirements
20 by companies, accompanied by the tools and resources necessary to adequately
21 verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent, increased penalties for
22 individuals who intentionally use fraudulent Social Security numbers to obtain
23 employment, avoid child support obligations, or for other personal gain; and

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

26 **Special Clauses:**

27 None

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

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

33 WHEREAS, contributing to the problems are companies that do not have the tools or
34 resources necessary to adequately verify whether or not a Social Security number is fraudulent
35 and companies that are notified of fraudulent Social Security numbers of employees but take no
36 corrective action; and

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

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

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

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

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