

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING**
2 **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**
3 **CONTRACTING FOR BED SPACES IN DAVIS**
4 **COUNTY JAIL**

5 2007 GENERAL SESSION
6 STATE OF UTAH

7 **Chief Sponsor: Michael G. Waddoups**

8 House Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

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10 **LONG TITLE**

11 **General Description:**

12 This joint resolution of the Legislature supports the Department of Corrections
13 contracting for bed spaces in the Davis County Jail.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

16 ▶ supports the Department of Corrections obtaining additional bed spaces in the Davis
17 County Jail by means of a contract between the Department of Corrections and
18 Davis County.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20 None

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

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

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

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

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

34 WHEREAS, the approximate number of beds to be contracted in Davis County is 100;

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

38 WHEREAS, Davis County has estimated the cost of the nearly completed facility at
39 \$24.8 million and financed the full amount with 20-year bonds;

40 WHEREAS, the contract does not provide for jail expansion, only for housing of
41 inmates in state custody at existing Davis County prison facilities; and

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

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
46 supports the Department of Corrections contracting with Davis County for additional bed space
47 as beneficial to both the state and to Davis County.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Davis
49 County Commission and to the Utah Department of Corrections.