

**LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION RELATING TO
UNITED STATES SENATORS**

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses issues related to the 17th Amendment to the United States Constitution and permits the Legislature to give direction to certain United States Senators and to receive certain reports from them.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ allows the Legislature to give formal direction to a United States Senator elected from Utah;
- ▶ allows the Legislature to direct a United States Senator elected from Utah to report to the Legislature on certain issues determined by the Legislature;
- ▶ provides that any direction or reporting requirements be made by:
 - a joint resolution of the Legislature; or
 - a written statement, called "The Sense of the Legislature," that contains the signatures of a majority of the members of the House and a majority of the members of the Senate; and
- ▶ directs the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to maintain a record



of all resolutions, statements, and responses issued under this section.

Monies Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

36-27-101, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-27-102, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-27-103, Utah Code Annotated 1953

36-27-104, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **36-27-101** is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 27. LEGISLATIVE DIRECTION TO U.S. SENATORS ACT

36-27-101. Title.

This chapter is known as the "Legislative Direction to U.S. Senators Act."

Section 2. Section **36-27-102** is enacted to read:

36-27-102. Legislative direction to U.S. Senators.

(1) The Legislature may give direction to a United States Senator elected from Utah.

(2) The Legislature may direct a United States Senator elected from Utah to provide a single response or periodic reports to the Legislature on:

(a) the senator's progress with the direction given under Subsection (1); or

(b) other issues as determined by the Legislature.

Section 3. Section **36-27-103** is enacted to read:

36-27-103. Resolution of the Legislature -- Statement providing sense of the Legislature.

(1) The Legislature may provide any direction or reporting requirements under Section 36-27-102 by:

(a) passing a joint resolution of the Legislature; or

(b) issuing a written statement that contains the signatures of a majority of the

60 members of the House and a majority of the members of the Senate.

61 (2) A written statement under Subsection (1)(b) shall be referred to as "The Sense of
62 the Legislature."

63 Section 4. Section **36-27-104** is enacted to read:

64 **36-27-104. Reporting requirements.**

65 (1) A resolution or sense of the Legislature issued under this chapter shall specify that a
66 United States Senator elected from Utah shall provide the following to the Office of Legislative
67 Research and General Counsel when submitting a report in response to the resolution or sense
68 of the Legislature:

69 (a) prior notice of any verbal response or report; or

70 (b) a copy of any written response or report.

71 (2) The Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel shall maintain a record of:

72 (a) all resolutions and senses of the Legislature issued under this chapter; and

73 (b) all responses and reports provided to the Legislature by a United States Senator in
74 response to a resolution or sense of the Legislature issued under this chapter.

Legislative Review Note

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S.B. 202 - Legislative Direction Relating to United States Senators

Fiscal Note

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State of Utah

State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations.

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.
