

**HOUSE RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING UTAH'S
ASTHMA OPEN AIRWAYS PROGRAM**

2008 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution of the House of Representatives recognizes the efforts of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah to address problems caused by asthma.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the efforts of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah for their Open Airways Program; and
- ▶ recognizes the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah for their efforts to improve asthma care, reduce the economic burden of asthma upon Utah communities, and eliminate preventable deaths caused by asthma.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives of the state of Utah recognizes that asthma is a debilitating disease that affects the quality of life of more than 200,000 Utahns;

WHEREAS, asthma is a chronic condition where blocked or narrowed airways cause sufferers to experience coughing, chest tightness, and wheezing;



28 WHEREAS, asthma can be effectively managed by simple prevention and control
29 techniques, including properly using medications and avoiding cold or dry air, dust, pollen,
30 pollution, cigarette smoke and other environmental triggers, and stress and physical activity;

31 WHEREAS, asthma results in significant losses in worker productivity, health care
32 resources, and school attendance;

33 WHEREAS, Utah is suffering under the weight of rising treatment costs for asthma;

34 WHEREAS, asthma is particularly devastating to children, causing one of every six
35 pediatric emergency visits and ranking third among the causes of hospitalization for children
36 under the age of 15;

37 WHEREAS, the American Lung Association of Utah's Open Airways Program is
38 designed to help children learn to manage their asthma, resulting in fewer sick days and less
39 time in the emergency room;

40 WHEREAS, asthma poses a significant health risk to a great many Utahns; and

41 WHEREAS, the efforts of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung
42 Association of Utah to educate the public about this ailment constitute a valuable public health
43 service and are indeed worthy of commendation:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
45 state of Utah recognizes the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of
46 Utah for their Open Airways Program.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives recognizes the efforts
48 of the Utah Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah to improve asthma
49 care, reduce the economic burden of asthma upon Utah communities, and eliminate
50 preventable deaths caused by asthma.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
52 Asthma Task Force and the American Lung Association of Utah.

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Fiscal Note

**H.R. 3 - House Resolution Recognizing Utah's Asthma Open Airways
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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.
