

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO INCREASE**
2 **AND IMPROVE CANCER TREATMENT,**
3 **SCREENING, AND RESEARCH PROGRAMS**

4 2009 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Susan Duckworth**

7 Senate Sponsor: Karen Mayne

9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This resolution of the Legislature expresses support for public and private efforts to
12 increase and improve cancer treatment, screening, and research programs.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

- 15 ▶ recognizes that cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States;
- 16 ▶ recognizes that cancer treatment, screening, and research programs reduce cancer
17 deaths and can help prevent cancer;
- 18 ▶ recognizes the need for private and public support of cancer treatment, screening,
19 and research programs in Utah; and
- 20 ▶ recognizes the importance of cancer prevention, early detection and survivorship
21 programs, expanding access to services and programs, and public and private
22 funding for cancer research.

23 **Special Clauses:**

24 None

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

27 WHEREAS, cancer is the second leading cause of deaths in both men and women in



28 the United States;

29 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2009 nearly 8,000 Utahns will be diagnosed with
30 some form of cancer;

31 WHEREAS, it is estimated that in 2009 nearly 3,000 Utahns will die from cancer;

32 WHEREAS, the cost of cancer to Utah and its citizens exceeds \$150,000,000 each year;

33 WHEREAS, treatment to cure or control cancer is essential in reducing the burden of
34 cancer;

35 WHEREAS, nearly 14% of Utahns are uninsured and unable to acquire adequate cancer
36 treatment;

37 WHEREAS, the Utah Comprehensive Cancer Control Program, developed by the Utah
38 Department of Health and the Utah Cancer Action Network with the encouragement of the
39 Utah Legislature, seeks to aid Utahns in getting the information they need to overcome their
40 challenges with cancer;

41 WHEREAS, Utah has some of the lowest cancer screening rates in the nation and
42 subsequently some of the highest rates of cancer diagnosed at late stage; and

43 WHEREAS, a number of opportunities for cancer research remain unfunded or
44 underfunded:

45 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
46 expresses appreciation to all Utahns in the public and private sectors involved in cancer
47 treatment, screening, and research programs.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the need for and
49 expresses support of public and private efforts to increase and improve cancer treatment,
50 screening, and research efforts.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recognizes the importance of
52 cancer prevention, early detection and survivorship programs, expanding access to cancer care
53 services and programs, and public and private funding for cancer research.

54 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of Utah's
55 cancer treatment and research centers, the Utah Cancer Control Program of the Utah
56 Department of Health, the Utah Cancer Action Network, and the American Cancer Society.

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Fiscal Note**H.J.R. 3 - Joint Resolution Supporting Efforts to Increase and Improve
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State Impact

The legislation requires a \$1,200 one-time General Fund appropriation to the House of Representatives to cover mailing costs.

	<u>2009</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2010</u> <u>Revenue</u>	<u>2011</u> <u>Revenue</u>
General Fund, One-Time	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$1,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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.