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**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING A
FEDERAL WAIVER TO ESTABLISH AN
EMPLOYER-SPONSORED WORK PROGRAM**

2009 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Scott K. Jenkins

House Sponsor: Brad L. Dee

LONG TITLE

Committee Note:

The Immigration Interim Committee recommended this bill.

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature urges the United States Congress to grant the state of Utah waivers to establish an employer-sponsored work program and other strategies to address illegal immigration in the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► urges the United States Congress to grant the state of Utah waivers to implement an employer-sponsored work program and to withhold federal FICA and Medicare revenue and apply it toward the costs of the program.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, illegal immigration is an increasing concern in many states, including the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, recent attempts by Congress to make major reforms in immigration law



28 have stalled;

29 WHEREAS, without definitive direction from the federal government, states are
30 struggling to adequately address the many issues surrounding illegal immigration within their
31 respective borders;

32 WHEREAS, there is an increasing need for state and local governments to address
33 problems associated with illegal immigration, most particularly in the area of job employment;

34 WHEREAS, federal waivers would greatly increase the state of Utah's capacity to
35 address current illegal immigration challenges;

36 WHEREAS, a federal waiver would be required for Utah to institute an
37 employer-sponsored work program providing a two-year, renewable guest worker authorization
38 for foreign workers and undocumented immigrants currently residing in the state;

39 WHEREAS, a second waiver is needed to withhold federal FICA and Medicare revenue
40 and apply it toward the health insurance and other administrative costs of the program;

41 WHEREAS, the proposed employer-sponsored work program will allow for Utah to
42 deal with its current undocumented population in a fair manner by giving each undocumented
43 immigrant an opportunity to be classified as a guest worker and receive a two-year immigration
44 benefit that has the possibility of being renewed;

45 WHEREAS, the employer-sponsored work program would also address Utah's need for
46 both unskilled and skilled laborers;

47 WHEREAS, if granted a waiver, Utah's employer-sponsored work program should
48 require that potential workers register as a worker with the state, be fingerprinted, have their
49 names processed through the Interagency Border Inspection Name Check System, pass a
50 medical exam, be sponsored by their employer, have health and automobile insurance, and
51 have funds withheld by their employer to cover health insurance and the administrative costs of
52 the work program;

53 WHEREAS, through the granting of federal waivers allowing the state to provide the
54 employer-sponsored work program, the state of Utah can address many challenges regarding
55 illegal immigration issues its citizens currently face; and

56 WHEREAS, the employer-sponsored work program combines opportunity with
57 enforcement in a responsible manner:

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

59 Governor concurring therein, urge the United States Congress to grant the state of Utah waivers
60 to implement an employer-sponsored work program, and to withhold federal FICA and
61 Medicare revenue and apply it toward the health insurance and other administrative costs of the
62 program.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Majority
64 Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
65 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, United States Department of Homeland
66 Security, the President of the United States, the members of Utah's Congressional Delegation,
67 the Utah Labor Commission, and the Utah Department of Workforce Services.

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Fiscal Note**S.C.R. 1 - Concurrent Resolution Requesting a Federal Waiver to Establish
an Employee Sponsored Work Program**

2009 General Session

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.
