

MARKING OF UNDERGROUND UTILITIES

JOINT RESOLUTION

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Melvin R. Brown

Senate Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature strongly urges the Public Service Commission to establish underground conduit and marking standards.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ urges the Public Service Commission to review, in conjunction with utility companies, methods of marking underground utilities; and
- ▶ urges that the review take into account currently existing products that can provide a uniform system of marking underground utilities.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, hundreds of miles of utility lines in the state of Utah are buried underground;

WHEREAS, each year, numerous projects require underground construction;

WHEREAS, neither state and local governments nor the Public Service Commission have required a uniform system for marking underground utilities;

WHEREAS, each year, numerous incidents during construction result in damage to



28 underground utility lines; and

29 WHEREAS, these incidents result in millions of dollars in line repair ~~and~~ lost
30 commerce ~~and~~ , **personal injury, and death** ~~and~~ :

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
32 strongly urges the Public Service Commission to review, in conjunction with utility companies,
33 methods of marking underground utilities.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges this review take into account
35 currently existing products that can provide a uniform system of marking underground utilities.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Public
37 Service Commission, the Utah Association of Counties, and the League of Cities and Towns.

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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.
