

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING KANE
COUNTY EXPANSION OF CORRECTIONAL
FACILITIES**

2010 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

Senate Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature supports the expansion of correctional facilities in Kane County through a contract with the Utah Department of Corrections.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ supports Kane County's expansion of its correctional facilities by means of a contract between the county and the Utah Department of Corrections.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, counties contract with the Utah Department of Corrections to provide prison bed space for state prisoners;

WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and the counties and saved taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities, while at the same time assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Subsection 64-13c-401(1), "the department [of Corrections] may enter into a contract with a county government to house inmates only if the



28 Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution," containing the approximate number of
29 beds contracted, the county's average daily rate the department will pay the county per inmate,
30 and the approximate amount of the county's long-term debt and the length of that debt for the
31 facility where the inmates are to be housed;

32 WHEREAS, the approximate number of additional beds to be contracted for in Kane
33 County is 20;

34 WHEREAS, Kane County's average daily rate the department will pay the county per
35 inmate, as determined under Title 64, Chapter 13e, Part 3, Reimbursement of Inmate Costs, is
36 currently \$45 per day;

37 WHEREAS, Kane County estimates the expansion cost at \$1,027,526 and plans to
38 finance the full amount with a 30-year bond through the United States Department of
39 Agriculture Development Program;

40 WHEREAS, this planning cannot begin until authorization to build is received, and the
41 Utah Department of Corrections will report this information to the Legislature as soon as it is
42 determined; and

43 WHEREAS, contracting with the Utah Department of Corrections for additional prison
44 bed space would greatly assist the state and Kane County's efforts to have sufficient capacity to
45 house its prison populations:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
47 supports Kane County's expansion of its correctional facilities as beneficial to both the state
48 and to Kane County.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Kane
50 County Commission and to the Utah Department of Corrections.

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Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

Fiscal Note**H.J.R. 16 - Joint Resolution Supporting Kane County Expansion of
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State Impact

Enactment of this bill will not require additional appropriations. Future appropriations will be required if the state contracts beds from the county.

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.
