

Representative Mark A. Wheatley proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RESOLUTION PROMOTING HEALTHY AND ENERGY

EFFICIENT SCHOOLS

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Mark A. Wheatley

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages the Utah State Board of Education and Utah's school districts to promote more healthy and energy efficient schools in the state.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ encourages the Utah Board of Education to consider the broader application of the design and construction practices for more healthy and energy efficient schools, both for new construction and major renovation projects undertaken with school district funds; and

- ▶ encourages school districts to consider seeking application for certification of energy efficient schools under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system (LEED), or certification under a comparable system with requirements at least equivalent to the LEED Silver certification for new or retrofit construction, or other building performance systems like the United States Department of Energy's ENERGY STAR program.

Special Clauses:



None

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

WHEREAS, energy efficient schools can create a healthy environment that is conducive to learning, while saving energy, resources, and money;

WHEREAS, energy efficient schools create an environment that supports student learning through improvements in site selection, daylighting, indoor air quality, thermal comfort, acoustics, and classroom design, all of which have an impact on a child's ability to learn and a teacher's ability to teach;

WHEREAS, energy efficient schools cost less to operate, utilize durable materials, and greatly reduce water and energy use, which generate significant cost savings; and

WHEREAS, there are now 30 commitments for energy efficient schools working groups and caucuses as a result of the United States Energy Green Buildings Council's state legislative conference in October 2009:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages the Utah Board of Education to consider the broader application of the design and construction practices for more healthy and energy efficient schools, both for new construction and major renovation projects undertaken with school district funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages school districts to consider seeking application for certification of energy efficient schools under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system (LEED), or certification under a comparable system with requirements at least equivalent to the LEED Silver certification for new or retrofit construction, or other building performance systems like the United States Department of Energy's ENERGY STAR program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United States Department of Energy, to the United States Green Buildings Council, to the Utah State Board of Education, and to the local school boards of the state's 41 school districts.

FISCAL NOTE

H.J.R. 3 1st Sub. (Buff)

SHORT TITLE: **Joint Resolution Promoting Healthy and Energy Efficient Schools**

SPONSOR: **Wheatley, M.**

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STATE GOVERNMENT (UCA 36-12-13(2)(b))

Enactment of this bill likely will not materially impact the state budget.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (UCA 36-12-13(2)(c))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable costs and/or benefits for local governments.

DIRECT EXPENDITURES BY UTAH RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES (UCA 36-12-13(2)(d))

Enactment of this bill likely will not result in direct, measurable expenditures by Utah residents or businesses.