

**JOINT RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
UTAH COMPACT**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lynn N. Hemingway

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for the Utah Compact.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► expresses support for the Utah Compact and its guiding principles that can positively impact the tone of the immigration discussion within the state.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the Utah Compact is a declaration of five principles to guide Utah's immigration discussion;

WHEREAS, the Utah Compact is being supported by numerous business and religious leaders;

WHEREAS, immigration is a federal policy issue between the United States Government and other countries, not Utah and other countries;

WHEREAS, Utah's congressional delegation and others at the federal level should lead efforts to strengthen federal laws and protect the nation's borders;

WHEREAS, reasonable policies should be adopted in Utah to address immigrants in



28 the state;

29 WHEREAS, the rule of law and law enforcement's professional judgment and
30 discretion should be supported;

31 WHEREAS, local law enforcement resources should focus on criminal activities, not
32 civil violations of federal laws;

33 WHEREAS, strong families are the foundation of successful communities, and policies
34 that unnecessarily separate families should be opposed;

35 WHEREAS, policies that support families and improve the health, education, and
36 well-being of all Utah children should be supported;

37 WHEREAS, Utah is best served by a free-market philosophy that maximizes individual
38 freedom and opportunity;

39 WHEREAS, immigrants play an important economic role as workers and taxpayers,
40 and Utah's immigration policies should reaffirm the state's global reputation as a welcoming
41 and business friendly state;

42 WHEREAS, a humane approach should be adopted that acknowledges the reality that
43 immigrants are integrated into communities across Utah and reflect our unique culture, history,
44 and spirit of inclusion;

45 WHEREAS, the way Utah's citizens treat immigrants will say more about us as a free
46 society and less about our immigrant neighbors; and

47 WHEREAS, Utah should always be a place that welcomes people of goodwill:

48 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
49 expresses its support for the Utah Compact and its guiding principles that can positively impact
50 the tone of the immigration discussion within the state.

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah League
52 of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties.

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FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: **Joint Resolution Expressing Support for the Utah Compact**

SPONSOR: **Hemingway, L.**

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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 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.