

**JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE NEED TO BE
SELF-SUFFICIENT**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christopher N. Herrod

Senate Sponsor: Wayne L. Niederhauser

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature urges the United States Government to keep and honor the promises made to Utah in the state's Enabling Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ strongly urges the United States Government to keep and honor its promises as reflected in Utah's Enabling Act and urges the citizens of the state to petition the United States Government to place the state of Utah on an "equal footing" with eastern states;

- ▶ strongly urges Utahns to be self-sufficient in their energy, food, and economic needs; and

- ▶ invites all legal immigrants and citizens of the United States who want to be self-sufficient to come to Utah and assist the state in helping the United States Government to become self-sufficient.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, roughly half of Utah's annual budget is allocated from the United States



28 Government;

29 WHEREAS, the United States is over \$14,000,000,000,000 in debt and carries over
30 \$60,000,000,000,000 in unfunded liabilities;

31 WHEREAS, current United States spending is unsustainable and reductions must take
32 place;

33 WHEREAS, Utah is an energy rich state, and could access those energy resources if the
34 state could gain control of its public lands as Utah was originally entitled under Utah's
35 Enabling Act;

36 WHEREAS, the United States' dependence on foreign oil is a national security risk as
37 well as a risk to the citizens of Utah;

38 WHEREAS, as the Kaiparowits Plateau alone contains more than \$1,000,000,000,000
39 in natural resources and if sold, as promised in Utah's Enabling Act, would be worth in excess
40 of \$50,000,000,000;

41 WHEREAS, these funds would more than pay for public education in Utah;

42 WHEREAS, Utahns should insist that the promises made by the United States
43 Government in Utah's Enabling Act be kept and honored so that Utah enjoys "equal footing"
44 with the rest of the states, most particularly those in the east;

45 WHEREAS, federal money flowing to Utah will most likely decrease in the future;

46 WHEREAS, Utahns should become self-sufficient in their energy, food, and economic
47 needs; and

48 WHEREAS, all legal immigrants and citizens of the United States who want to be
49 self-reliant are invited to Utah to assist the state in helping the United States Government to
50 become self-sufficient:

51 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
52 strongly urges the Federal Government to keep and honor its promises as reflected in Utah's
53 Enabling Act and urges the citizens of the state to petition the United States Government to
54 place the state of Utah on an "equal footing" with eastern states.

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature strongly urges Utahns to be
56 self-sufficient in their energy, food, and economic needs.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature invites all legal immigrants and
58 citizens of the United States who want to be self-sufficient to come to Utah to assist the state in

59 helping the United States to become self-sufficient.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
61 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
62 States House of Representatives, and to the members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: **Joint Resolution on the Need to Be Self-sufficient**

SPONSOR: **Herrod, C.**

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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.