

BEAR LAKE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Peter C. Knudson

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor encourages state and local governments surrounding the Bear Lake ~~§~~→ [recreation] ←~~§~~ area to work together to ensure responsible development of the area.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ recognizes that the beautiful Bear Lake ~~§~~→ [recreation] ←~~§~~ area is a treasure to be preserved;

▶ encourages government entities at both state and local levels that will be impacted by future development at Bear Lake and in the Bear Lake Valley to focus on preserving the beauty, ~~§~~→ **agricultural importance**, ←~~§~~ environmental quality, and ecological balance of this natural resource; and

▶ encourages these governmental entities to preserve the Bear Lake ~~§~~→ [recreation areas] area ←~~§~~

and allow only those light industries and other development that will not interfere with the unique nature of Bear Lake in order to preserve the area's beauty ~~§~~→ and utility ←~~§~~ for future generations.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, Bear Lake is positioned between Idaho and Utah and is one of the focal



28 points of interest belonging to **Ŝ→ and shared by ←Ŝ** these two great states;

29 WHEREAS, Bear Lake is considered by many to be the "Caribbean of the West"
30 because of its turquoise blue color;

31 WHEREAS, Bear Lake has become a recreational destination for people from
32 throughout the West because of the great boating, fishing, hiking, swimming, scouting, and
33 biking opportunities it provides;

34 WHEREAS, Bear Lake's beautiful scenery, gorgeous sunsets, and changing lake colors
35 provide peace to the soul and natural esthetics that are rare and valuable to all who behold
36 them;

36a **Ŝ→ WHEREAS, Bear Lake has been an important source of water for Northern Utah's**
36b **agricultural interests since the settlement and development of the region, is an important**
36c **electric power generator, and has been and continues to be important to the development and**
36d **preservation of wetland habitat; ←Ŝ**

37 WHEREAS, there is growing recognition that the Bear Lake area will continue to grow
38 and that local development can be beneficial;

39 WHEREAS, because Bear Lake belongs to all the citizens of Utah and Idaho, the reality
40 of development raises significant concerns for many residents and visitors who hope that the
41 character of Bear Lake and Bear Lake Valley will be preserved, not sacrificed;

42 WHEREAS, several Utah state agencies also have a stake in development along Bear
43 Lake and in the Bear Lake Valley due to its potential impact on this precious resource;

44 WHEREAS, the state of Idaho also has a vested interest in any development of this
45 area, since portions of the area fall within that state's boundaries; and

46 WHEREAS, while it may be inevitable that future development will occur along Bear
47 Lake and in the surrounding Bear Lake Valley, it is vital that this development not be allowed
48 to encroach on the beauty, **Ŝ→ agricultural importance, ←Ŝ** environmental quality, and ecological
48a balance of this natural
49 resource:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
51 Governor concurring therein, recognize that the beautiful Bear Lake area is a treasure to be
52 preserved.

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
54 government entities at both state and local levels that will be impacted by future development
55 at Bear Lake and in the Bear Lake Valley to focus on preserving the beauty, **Ŝ→ agricultural**
55a **importance, ←Ŝ** environmental
56 quality, and ecological balance of this natural resource.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage those
58 governmental entities to preserve the Bear Lake recreation area so that only those light

59 industries and other development that will not interfere with the unique nature of Bear Lake
60 should be allowed in order to preserve the area's beauty ~~and utility~~ for future generations.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
62 Division of State Lands, the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation, the Utah Division of
63 Water Quality, the Utah Division of Water Rights, ~~the Utah Department of Agriculture and~~
63a ~~Food,~~ Rich County, ~~Cache County, Box Elder County,~~ Bear Lake County, the cities
64 of Woodruff, Randolph, Lake Town, and Garden City, the Utah League of Cities and Towns,
64a ~~the Utah Association of Counties~~
65 Bear Lake Watch, the members of Utah's congressional delegation, the members of Idaho's
66 congressional delegation, the cities of St. Charles, Bloomington, Paris, and Montpelier in
67 Idaho, and to Idaho Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter.

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