

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING EXPANSION OF  
CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES IN SAN JUAN COUNTY**

2011 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins**

House Sponsor: Eric K. Hutchings

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature supports jail expansion in San Juan County.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and to San Juan County through a contract with the Utah Department of Corrections; and
- ▶ approves expansion of the San Juan jail facility from 70 to ~~H~~→ [150] 110 ←~~H~~ beds.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, counties in Utah 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 Utah Code Annotated, Subsection 64-13e-103(6), the Utah Department of Corrections may not enter into a contract with a county to house state inmates unless the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution that includes the



28 approximate number of beds to be contracted, the final state daily incarceration rate, the  
29 approximate amount of the county's long-term debt, and the repayment time of the debt for the  
30 facility where the inmates are to be housed;

31 WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Corrections currently utilizes 70 contract beds  
32 with San Juan County and the county presently provides treatment to these inmates with  
33 minimal additional funding from the department;

34 WHEREAS, the approximate number of additional beds to be contracted in San Juan  
35 County is ~~10~~ [80] 40 ~~10~~ ;

36 WHEREAS, San Juan County is committed to providing treatment services for these  
37 additional state inmates;

38 WHEREAS, the state daily incarceration rate that the department will pay the county  
39 per inmate is currently \$45 per day;

40 WHEREAS, San Juan County plans to finance the prison expansion through a \$4-5  
41 million grant from the Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board and a \$4-5 million loan  
42 from the board on a 20-year repayment schedule;

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

46 WHEREAS, contracting with the Utah Department of Corrections for additional prison  
47 bed space would greatly assist the state in addressing projected bed space and treatment needs  
48 and San Juan County's efforts to have sufficient capacity to house its prison populations:

49 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
50 supports jail expansion of the San Juan facility as beneficial to both the state and to San Juan  
51 County.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the San Juan  
53 County Commission and to the Utah Department of Corrections.

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**Legislative Review Note**  
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**Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel**

# FISCAL NOTE

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SHORT TITLE: **Joint Resolution Supporting Expansion of Correctional Facilities in San Juan County**

SPONSOR: **Hinkins, D.**

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

Enactment of this resolution likely will not materially impact the state budget. Future costs may result if the state contracts beds from the county.

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

Enactment of this resolution likely will not result in direct, measurable costs for local governments. If San Juan County borrows money to build a correctional facility, a fiscal impact will be realized by the county.

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

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