NAVAJO ELECTRIFICATION DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2012 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Christine F. Watkins

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:
This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Congress to continue the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project and fund it so that the entire Navajo Nation may receive electricity.

Highlighted Provisions:
This resolution:
- urges the United States Congress to reauthorize and continue the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project; and
- urges the United States Congress to provide the necessary funding of $15,000,000 per year for five years to the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project so that the basic necessity of electricity can become available to the entire Navajo Nation.

Special Clauses:
None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:
WHEREAS, the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project was created by the United States Congress and extended to provide funding for the rural electrification of homes on the Navajo Nation Reservation that are not currently being served;
WHEREAS, under the original law, Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project funding was authorized at an annual level of $15,000,000 for five years;
WHEREAS, to date, only $14,500,000, including a fiscal year 2011 allocation of
WHEREAS, the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project expands traditional sources of power and implements renewable energy sources and other advanced electric power technologies;

WHEREAS, the funds are funneled through the United States Department of Energy and disbursed as grants to the Navajo Nation to provide electricity to approximately 18,000 homes on the Navajo reservation that currently lack this basic service;

WHEREAS, the act also authorized the United States Department of Energy to provide technical support to the Navajo Nation in the use of advanced power technologies; and

WHEREAS, despite the passage of laws creating the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project, Congress must act to appropriate the funds in order for the money to be distributed to the project:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, urges the United States Congress to reauthorize and continue the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge the United States Congress to fund the Navajo Electrification Demonstration Project to provide the necessary funding of $15,000,000 per year for five years, so that the basic necessity of electricity can become available to the entire Navajo Nation.

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