

1                   **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION ON HEARING IMPAIRMENT**

2   2012 GENERAL SESSION

3   STATE OF UTAH

4                                   **Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards**

5                                   Senate Sponsor: Lyle W. Hillyard

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **General Description:**

9               This joint resolution of the Legislature urges families, communities, the education  
10 community, and the business community to work together to help meet the needs of  
11 people with a hearing impairment.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13               This resolution:

14               ▶ urges families, communities, the education community, and the business community  
15 to work together to find creative ways to help people, especially children, who have  
16 a hearing impairment to receive the help that they need to improve their chances of  
17 overcoming the social, educational, and economic barriers caused by hearing  
18 impairment.

19 **Special Clauses:**

20               None

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

23               WHEREAS, a child with hearing loss faces many social and educational challenges;

24               WHEREAS, a family helping a child with a hearing loss faces great economic  
25 challenges as it tries to find the help needed and cope with the financial consequences;

26               WHEREAS, families, communities, the education community, and businesses, working  
27 together, can find solutions to these challenges;



28 WHEREAS, possible solutions include giving hearing aids that are no longer needed by  
29 a person to a person in need, and providing educational programs tailored to the needs of  
30 people with a hearing impairment;

31 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to increase public awareness of challenges related  
32 to hearing loss, particularly among children;

33 WHEREAS, the insurance community could consider ways to provide hearing aids to  
34 those families and individuals to whom they provide coverage;

35 WHEREAS, community agencies could provide needed support to help meet the  
36 challenges faced by people with a hearing impairment; and

37 WHEREAS, by bringing families, communities, the education community, and  
38 businesses together to face these challenges, vital progress can be made:

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
40 urges families, communities, the education community, and the business community to work  
41 together to find creative ways to assist children and others who have a hearing impairment to  
42 receive the help they need to overcome the social, educational, and economic barriers faced by  
43 people who have a hearing impairment.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah League  
45 of Cities and Towns, the Utah Association of Counties, the Utah Department of Health, the  
46 Utah Department of Human Services, the Utah Department of Insurance, and the Utah State  
47 Board of Education.

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