

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING CONGRESS TO**
2 **CLEARLY DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR**
3 **REGULATING HYDRAULIC FRACTURING TO THE STATES**

4 2012 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

6 **Chief Sponsor: Kevin T. Van Tassell**

7 House Sponsor: John G. Mathis

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9 **LONG TITLE**

10 **General Description:**

11 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor urges Congress to
12 delegate the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

15 ▶ urges the Congress of the United States to clearly delegate responsibility for the
16 regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.

17 **Special Clauses:**

18 None

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

21 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, a mechanical method of increasing the permeability
22 of rock, thus increasing the amount of oil or gas produced from the rock, has greatly enhanced
23 oil and gas production in Utah;

24 WHEREAS, oil and gas production increases have led to growth in employment and
25 economic development as well as promotion of energy independence for the United States;

26 WHEREAS, the state of Utah, through the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining and the
27 Department of Environmental Quality, have proven more than capable of regulating oil and gas



28 recovery processes and ensuring the safety of workers while protecting the environment; and

29 WHEREAS, the state is best situated to closely monitor oil and gas drilling and
30 fracturing operations to ensure that they are conducted in an environmentally sound manner:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
32 Governor concurring therein, urges the Congress of the United States to clearly delegate
33 responsibility for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing to the states.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the United
35 States Secretary of the Interior, the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, and the members of
36 Utah's congressional delegation.

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