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Senator John L. Valentine proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON RADON GAS

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: John L. Valentine

House Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor designates ~~{May 1, 2013}~~January 2014, as Utah State Radon Action ~~{Day}~~Month in the state of Utah and urges citizens to prevent radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ designates ~~{May 1, 2013}~~January 2014, as Utah State Radon Action ~~{Day}~~Month in the state of Utah;
- ▶ urges business owners and managers, landlords, real estate licensees, home inspectors, home builders, mortgage lenders, real estate appraisers, trade organizations, government agencies at the local and state level, community groups, schools, colleges, universities, the medical establishment, and outlets in print media,

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- television, and radio to ~~{assist}~~educate the citizens of the state in protecting themselves from the dangers of elevated radon ~~{contamination}~~gas levels; and
- ▶ urges the citizens of the state of Utah to take steps to protect themselves from the dangers of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, tasteless gas that is caused by the decay of uranium in soil;

WHEREAS, radon can seep into homes, schools, and office buildings through cracks and other openings in the foundation;

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General warns that radon is ~~{a}~~the second leading cause of lung cancer, ~~{second only}~~next to smoking;

WHEREAS, even extremely high levels of radon in a structure can be reduced to safe levels through proper methods of mitigation;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah bears a substantial portion of the health care costs related to radon;

WHEREAS, the residents of Utah, including children, women, men, and the elderly are all potentially at risk;

WHEREAS, it is estimated that as high as 30% of homes in Utah could have unsafe levels of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure;

WHEREAS, testing for radon gas is relatively simple and inexpensive; and

WHEREAS, the increased education and awareness of the harmful effects of radon exposure will help save and preserve the lives of Utah residents:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, call upon all Utah property owners to have their structures tested for radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon businesses owners and managers to have their properties tested for radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon all landlords to have their rental properties tested for radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure and to remediate any ~~{contaminated}~~affected properties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon real estate licensees to use their access to buyers and sellers of real estate to inform them, by use of a radon-specific Buyers Disclosure and Acknowledgment form approved by the Utah Division of Real Estate, of the dangers and risks of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure, encourage testing and remediation, and educate the public about the dangers of radon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon home inspectors to become informed on the issues related to radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure and testing and to inform their clients about the dangers and risks of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure, encourage testing and remediation, and offer reasonable options to radon testing in their services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon all home builders to inform buyers of the dangers and risks of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure, encourage remediation options where needed, use new radon-resistant construction methods, and make these remediation options available and affordable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon all other real estate professionals, including mortgage lenders and appraisers, to inform buyers and sellers of real estate of the danger and risk of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure by using the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's radon awareness pamphlet at the time that a contract is signed by the purchaser, and encourage purchasers and sellers of real estate to conduct radon ~~{contamination}~~concentration tests.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon trade organizations to actively educate their members regarding the dangers of radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure, the need for radon testing, and to use their resources to help educate the public on radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon the print media, television, and radio outlets to responsibly report on the issues related to radon ~~{contamination}~~exposure, testing, and remediation.

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businesses to make available radon test kits at a reasonable price to the public and to provide staff who are informed on radon testing issues.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon government agencies at the local and state levels to provide information ~~{,}~~ and resources ~~{, and funds}~~ to help educate the public on the issues of radon ~~{contamination}~~ exposure and ~~{to}~~ create programs and policies to help property owners test for radon and remediate elevated levels of radon ~~{contamination}~~ gas, including distributing a copy of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's radon awareness pamphlet at the time that a building permit is issued.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon community groups to take on the cause of informing the public about the dangers associated with radon ~~{contamination}~~ exposure and provide information about testing and remediation options.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon all schools, colleges, and universities to actively participate in educating the public about the dangers associated with radon ~~{contamination}~~ exposure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor call upon the medical establishment to take every effort available to inform the public of the health risks associated with radon ~~{contamination}~~ exposure, including the commissioning of studies, publications, and outreach programs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor designate ~~{May 1, 2013}~~ January 2014, as Utah State Radon Action ~~{Day}~~ Month in the state of Utah.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the major print, television, and radio outlets in the state of Utah.

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