

**Senator Karen Mayne** proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING RAILROAD AND  
RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

House Sponsor: Craig Hall

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include testing and education on safe motor vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings when issuing licenses to operate motor vehicles.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the importance of safety awareness on the road and the need for operators of motor vehicles to act with courtesy and respect when operating motor vehicles;
- ▶ encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include testing on safe motor vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings when issuing licenses to operate motor vehicles;
- ▶ encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include safe vehicular driver behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad grade crossing safety as a component in driver education;
- ▶ encourages the Driver License Division to prepare materials designed to educate new and current operators of motor vehicles in Utah on safe vehicle operation in



26 and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings; and  
27       ▶ encourages operators of motor vehicles to increase safety by modifying their  
28 behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad property.

29 **Special Clauses:**

30       None



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

32       WHEREAS, the increase in both freight train and commuter train traffic through the  
33 existing and new rail corridors along the Wasatch Front has resulted in higher numbers of  
34 motor vehicle and train incidents;

35       WHEREAS, nearly all motor vehicle and train collisions are avoidable;

36       WHEREAS, the Legislature of the state of Utah recognizes that safety awareness on the  
37 road is of paramount importance to our citizens and communities and that each operator of a  
38 motor vehicle should act with courtesy and respect towards operators of other motor vehicles;

39       WHEREAS, currently, the Driver License Division prepares education materials and  
40 testing to assure that individuals seeking a license to operate a motor vehicle understand the  
41 laws and rules governing the safe operation of a motor vehicle;

42       WHEREAS, testing on the safe operation of a motor vehicle in proximity to rail lines  
43 and rail grade crossings may result in fewer motor vehicle and train collisions; and

44       WHEREAS, utilizing education materials on the safe operation of a motor vehicle in  
45 proximity to rail lines and rail grade crossings will help increase awareness among new and  
46 current operators of motor vehicles in Utah on this important issue:

47       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
48 recognizes that safety awareness on the road is of paramount importance to our citizens and  
49 communities and that each operator of a motor vehicle should act with courtesy and respect  
50 towards operators of other motor vehicles.

51       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Utah Driver License  
52 Division to include testing on safe motor vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad  
53 grade crossings when issuing licenses to operate motor vehicles.

54       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Utah Driver License  
55 Division to include safe vehicular driver behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad  
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57 grade crossing safety as a component in driver education.

58 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Driver License  
59 Division to prepare materials designed to educate new and current operators of motor vehicles  
60 in Utah on safe vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages operators of motor  
62 vehicles to modify their behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad property to  
63 increase safety.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Driver  
65 License Division.