

1 **HOUSE RESOLUTION ON CLEAN-BURNING RENEWABLE**
2 **FUELS**

3 2014 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Johnny Anderson**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This resolution of the House of Representatives encourages the state of Utah, all of its
10 subdivisions, and persons in private industry to pursue the use of biodiesel.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ expresses support for the continued development and implementation of biodiesel in
14 the state;
- 15 ▶ recognizes the significant economic and environmental benefits that biodiesel can
16 bring to the state; and
- 17 ▶ strongly urges individuals, restaurants and other businesses, schools, and jails, to
18 dispose of their waste oils at a Utah based biodiesel company that will convert the
19 waste product to a renewable, clean-burning fuel, and by so doing, help diversify
20 Utah's energy portfolio, provide jobs, and clean the environment.

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

24 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the state of Utah:*

25 WHEREAS, the state of Utah has excellent resources that can be used to further
26 advance the research, development, and implementation of renewable biodiesel fuel;

27 WHEREAS, the Governor has called for action to clean the air and adopt cleaner fuel in
28 Utah;

29 WHEREAS, biodiesel is a clean-burning diesel fuel alternative that can be blended with

30 petroleum diesel, which reduces the United States' dependence on foreign petroleum, creates
31 jobs, and improves the environment;

32 WHEREAS, biodiesel facilities have the potential to remove large amounts of waste
33 oils and other refuse from the state's overall waste inventory, enhance the environment, and
34 utilize a waste product;

35 WHEREAS, Utah can utilize waste items, such as recycled cooking oil, cooking grease,
36 animal fats, and other materials to be converted to biodiesel;

37 WHEREAS, biodiesel companies within Utah compensate participants to collect waste
38 materials;

39 WHEREAS, biodiesel can also be made from the oil of safflower, camellia, and other
40 seed crops that could be grown in Utah;

41 WHEREAS, seeds are available for human or livestock consumption after the oil has
42 been extracted so that food protein properties are not lost;

43 WHEREAS, through increased biodiesel production, Utah agriculture will have the
44 ability to diversify its production portfolio;

45 WHEREAS, biodiesel can be produced with agricultural and urban biomass resources;

46 WHEREAS, Utah is well positioned to be a leader in the biodiesel arena for western
47 states due to the private sector facilities and technology currently in place;

48 WHEREAS, Utah is home to several biodiesel producing enterprises;

49 WHEREAS, the use of biodiesel has many benefits, including minimizing
50 environmental impact and improving air quality;

51 WHEREAS, the use of biodiesel and the technology to use waste products represent
52 significant methods of preserving the environment and providing a sustainable alternative fuel
53 supply for the people of Utah;

54 WHEREAS, biodiesel can expand energy options, contain fuel prices, and help improve
55 environmental conditions;

56 WHEREAS, vehicle engines using diesel fuel can fully utilize various biodiesel fuel
57 blends without the need for conversion or retrofitting; and

58 WHEREAS, biodiesel is available for use from Utah based companies:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
60 state of Utah expresses support for the continued development and implementation of biodiesel
61 in the state.

62 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives recognizes the
63 significant economic and environmental benefits that biodiesel can bring to the state.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives strongly urges
65 restaurants, individuals, schools, jails, and other businesses to dispose of their waste oils to a
66 Utah based biodiesel company that will convert the waste product to a renewable,
67 clean-burning fuel, and, by so doing, help to diversify Utah's energy portfolio, provide jobs,
68 and help clean the environment.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
70 Chamber of Commerce, the Utah Restaurant Association, the Department of Agriculture and
71 Food, the Governor's Office of Economic Development, the Office of Energy Development,
72 the Department of Environmental Quality, the State Office of Education for distribution to each
73 school district, the Utah Association of Counties for distribution to its members, and the Utah
74 League of Cities and Towns for distribution to its members.