

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING MOVING THE
STATE PRISON**

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Brad R. Wilson

Senate Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor addresses the relocation of the Utah State Prison.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ concludes that it is in the best interests of the state to move the state prison from its current location in Draper;
- ▶ resolves that the prison should be relocated from its current location;
- ▶ identifies factors that should be given careful, serious, and deliberate consideration in the process of relocating the prison; and
- ▶ directs that a copy of the resolution be given to various persons.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the question of whether to move the Utah State Prison from its current location in Draper has received much attention and study, including the work of the Prison Relocation and Development Authority (PRADA) over the past two years and an in-depth study commissioned by PRADA;



28 WHEREAS, the decisions of where and how to relocate prison facilities must be given
29 careful, serious, and deliberate consideration, taking into account many important factors,
30 including:

31 a. whether to locate new prison facilities on land already owned by the state or on land
32 that is currently in public or private ownership but that the state may acquire or lease;

33 b. the efforts of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice to evaluate criminal
34 justice policies to increase public safety, reduce recidivism, and reduce prison population
35 growth should be supported;

36 c. new prison facilities should be conducive to future inmate programming that
37 encourages a reduction in recidivism;

38 d. the location of new prison facilities should help facilitate an adequate level of
39 volunteer and staff support that will allow for a correctional program that is commensurate
40 with the high standards that should be maintained in the state;

41 e. new prison facilities should be located within a reasonable distance of
42 comprehensive medical facilities;

43 f. new prison facilities should be located to be compatible with surrounding land uses
44 for the foreseeable future;

45 g. new prison facilities should be supported by one or more appropriations from the
46 Legislature;

47 h. the preparation of performance specifications for new prison facilities, to facilitate a
48 high quality correctional program, and for the use of the current prison site should be designed
49 to maximize the overall value to taxpayers;

50 i. construction should be phased in over a period of time;

51 j. every reasonable effort should be made to maximize efficiencies and cost savings
52 that result from building and operating newer, more efficient prison facilities;

53 k. access to courts, visiting and public access, expansion capabilities, emergency
54 response factors, and the availability of infrastructure should be given careful and serious
55 consideration; and

56 l. the land on which the current prison is located in Draper should be used, disposed of,
57 or redeveloped through an orderly, competitive, and open process, with the goal of maximizing
58 the economic development potential of the property and achieving the greatest benefit to the

59 state's taxpayers;

60 WHEREAS, the citizens of the state will be best served by a relocation of the current
61 prison facilities, as these and other relevant factors guide the decisions of where and how to
62 move the current prison facilities; and

63 WHEREAS, considering all relevant factors, including the substantial expense that will
64 be required in coming years to maintain, replace, expand, and upgrade existing prison facilities
65 at the Draper location, the cost savings to be realized over time from new, more efficient
66 facilities, the opportunity to tailor new facilities to any improved correctional programs, and
67 the substantial economic and other benefits from changing the use of the current prison
68 property, it is sound public policy and in the best interests of the state to move the prison
69 facilities from their current location in Draper:

70 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
71 Governor concurring therein, that the Utah State Prison facilities currently located in Draper
72 should be relocated from that site to one or more other suitable locations in the state.

73 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the relocation of prison facilities should be guided
74 by the principles stated in paragraphs a through l of this resolution.

75 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah
76 Department of Corrections, the Prison Relocation and Development Authority, and the
77 members of Utah's congressional delegation.

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