

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REGARDING SITE FOR NEW**
2 **STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES**

3 2015 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Fred C. Cox**

6 Senate Sponsor: Luz Escamilla

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor addresses a site for the
11 development of new state correctional facilities.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This resolution:

- 14 ▶ rejects the Prison Relocation Commission's recommendation of a site for the
15 construction of new correctional facilities;
- 16 ▶ directs the Division of Facilities Construction and Management to evaluate the
17 current prison property in Draper as a site for the construction of new correctional
18 facilities;
- 19 ▶ designates the current prison property in Draper as the site for the construction of
20 new correctional facilities if the Division of Facilities Construction and
21 Management evaluation determines that it is feasible to construct new correctional
22 facilities on that property; and
- 23 ▶ directs the use of money designated for the construction of new correctional
24 facilities.

25 **Special Clauses:**

26 None



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

29 WHEREAS, the Prison Relocation Commission was created in 2014 to consider how
30 and where to move the state correctional facilities currently located in the city of Draper;

31 WHEREAS, the Prison Relocation Commission has worked diligently for over a year
32 and has invested much time, effort, study, and resources to evaluate potential sites for the
33 construction of new state correctional facilities and deserves the gratitude of the Legislature,
34 the Governor, and the people of the state for its thorough work fulfilling the responsibility it
35 was given;

36 WHEREAS, the charge given to the Prison Relocation Commission did not include the
37 responsibility of evaluating the current site in Draper as a possible location where new state
38 correctional facilities could be constructed;

39 WHEREAS, the Prison Relocation Commission has recommended a site located near
40 I-80 and 7200 West in Salt Lake City as the site for the construction of new state correctional
41 facilities;

42 WHEREAS, the costs of relocating the state correctional facilities currently located in
43 Draper have not been fully compared to the costs of building new correctional facilities at the
44 Draper location;

45 WHEREAS, the work of constructing new state correctional facilities can reportedly be
46 done outside the current secure fence, maintaining security and safety of visitors, inmates, staff,
47 and others at the correctional facilities located in Draper;

48 WHEREAS, based on reports, the long-term travel and ongoing operational costs of
49 new correctional facilities located on the Draper property are lower than three of the other sites
50 considered by the Prison Relocation Commission;

51 WHEREAS, the site in Draper already has water and sewer service, general site
52 preparation, power, natural gas, and roads, and the state may need to incur only relatively small
53 costs to relocate a major power line and for construction phasing, as opposed to over
54 \$100,000,000 for estimated site preparation and utility costs for the I-80/7200 West site;

55 WHEREAS, the preferred site for the construction of new state correctional facilities is
56 the property in Draper where the current correctional facilities are located;

57 WHEREAS, any money designated for the construction of new state correctional
58 facilities should be used to develop and construct new correctional facilities on the state prison

59 property in Draper; and

60 WHEREAS, the Division of Facilities Construction and Management should be
61 directed to evaluate the state prison property in Draper for the construction of new state
62 correctional facilities on approximately 500 acres of that property, leaving the remainder of that
63 property to be used for possible prime commercial development:

64 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
65 Governor concurring therein, that the recommendation of the Prison Relocation Commission to
66 designate the site near I-80 and 7200 West in Salt Lake City for the construction of new state
67 correctional facilities is rejected.

68 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Facilities Construction and
69 Management is directed to evaluate the state property in Draper for the feasibility of
70 constructing new state correctional facilities on approximately 500 acres of that property, if
71 necessary using a phased approach.

72 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, if the Division of Facilities Construction and
73 Management evaluation determines that it is feasible to construct new correctional facilities on
74 the current state prison property in Draper, approximately 500 acres of that site are designated
75 as the location for the construction of new state correctional facilities.

76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that whatever remains of the state prison property in
77 Draper after the approximately 500 acres are designated for the construction of new state
78 correctional facilities should be designated and used for possible prime commercial
79 development, to generate property and other tax revenue for the benefit of the city of Draper,
80 school districts, and others.

81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the money that has been made available for the
82 construction of new state correctional facilities on a site chosen by the Prison Relocation
83 Commission be used instead for the construction of new correctional facilities on the
84 approximately 500 acres of the state prison property in Draper designated for the construction
85 of new correctional facilities.

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this concurrent resolution be sent to the
87 Utah Department of Corrections and the Division of Facilities Construction and Management.

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