

1 **JOINT RESOLUTION ON MAINTENANCE-OF-EFFORT**

2 **REQUIREMENTS**

3 2017 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Edward H. Redd**

6 Senate Sponsor: _____

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This joint resolution of the Legislature requests that Utah's congressional delegation
11 submit federal legislation amending federal block grant maintenance-of-effort
12 requirements.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14 This resolution:

- 15 ▶ recognizes that federal maintenance-of-effort requirements can severely limit state
- 16 budget flexibility; and
- 17 ▶ requests that Utah's congressional delegation submit federal legislation adding the
- 18 following language to each maintenance-of-effort statutory requirement: "In nowise
- 19 shall the state amount obligated as a maintenance-of-effort calculation exceed the
- 20 amount of federal funding provided through the grant."

21 **Special Clauses:**

22 None

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

25 WHEREAS, block grants offered by the federal government often include
26 maintenance-of-effort provisions specifying required state spending levels necessary to receive
27 a grant;



28 WHEREAS, if a state does not meet its maintenance-of-effort requirements in any
29 fiscal year, the federal government will often reduce dollar-for-dollar the state's federal block
30 grant in the following year;

31 WHEREAS, maintenance-of-effort requirements can be several times larger than the
32 amount of the federal block grant;

33 WHEREAS, large maintenance-of-effort requirements can severely limit state
34 legislative budget flexibility, especially during downturns;

35 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, Utah received a \$3.2 million Mental Health Block
36 Grant that required a maintenance-of-effort obligation of \$29.3 million;

37 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, Utah received a \$5 million Baby Watch Early
38 Intervention Grant that required a maintenance-of-effort obligation of \$12 million;

39 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2015, Utah received a \$16.5 million Substance Abuse
40 Prevention and Treatment Block Grant that required a maintenance-of-effort obligation of
41 \$19.2 million; and

42 WHEREAS, the state of Utah obligates hundreds of millions of dollars in
43 maintenance-of-effort requirements:

44 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
45 requests that Utah's congressional delegation submit federal legislation amending federal block
46 grant maintenance-of-effort requirements by adding the following language to each
47 maintenance-of-effort statutory requirement: "In no wise shall the state amount obligated as a
48 maintenance-of-effort calculation exceed the amount of federal funding provided through the
49 grant."

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
51 the United States, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
52 States House of Representatives, and the members of Utah's congressional delegation.