

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED FEDERAL
CHANGES TO DISTRIBUTIONS TO UTAH NAVAJO TRUST
FUND**

2017 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

House Sponsor: Michael E. Noel

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature endorses a United States bill that will transfer the Federal minerals in the subsurface of the McCracken Extension to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► supports passage of United States Representative Jason Chaffetz's bill to transfer all right, title, and interest in and to the Federal minerals located in the subsurface of the McCracken Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the majority of the Utah Navajo Trust Fund is funded by oil royalties from production on the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Reservation;

WHEREAS, these royalties are paid to the trust fund for the health, education, and general welfare of the Navajo residents of San Juan County, Utah; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jason Chaffetz seeks to introduce a bill to the United



28 States Congress to transfer all right, title, and interest in and to the Federal minerals located in
29 the subsurface of the McCracken Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust
30 Fund:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
32 supports the passage of Representative Chaffetz's bill to transfer all right, title, and interest in
33 and to the Federal minerals located in the subsurface of the McCracken Extension of the Navajo
34 Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah approves the
36 use of these royalties to fund the health, education, and general welfare of the Navajo residents
37 of San Juan County, Utah.

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

Legislative Review Note
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