

**Senator David P. Hinkins** proposes the following substitute bill:

**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

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution supports the intended proposed United States House Bill to increase oil royalties to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ supports the "Utah Navajo Economic Development Act" that U.S. Representative Jason Chaffetz intends to introduce to Congress;

- ▶ supports the transfer of federal minerals located in the subsurface of the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund with an increase in royalties collected and paid on minerals produced on the extension from 37.5% to 62.5%; and

- ▶ supports the transfer of the minerals located in the subsurface of the McCracken Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

27           WHEREAS, Aneth Extension is located north of Montezuma Creek on the Navajo  
28 Indian Reservation in southeastern Utah;

29           WHEREAS, the Utah Navajo Trust Fund contains funds from oil royalties from  
30 production on the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Reservation;

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

33           WHEREAS, in the 115th Congress, 1st Session, U.S. Representative Jason Chaffetz  
34 intends to introduce a bill known as the "Utah Navajo Economic Development Act" to transfer  
35 all rights, title, and interest in and to the federal minerals located in the subsurface of the Aneth  
36 Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund and increase the royalties  
37 collected and paid on minerals produced on the extension from 37.5% to 62.5%; and

38           WHEREAS, the Utah Navajo Economic Development Act intends to transfer all rights,  
39 title, and interest in and to the federal minerals located in the subsurface of the McCracken  
40 Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund:

41           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
42 supports the above intended proposed bill to transfer all rights, title, and interest in and to the  
43 federal minerals located in the subsurface of the Aneth Extension of the Navajo Nation to the  
44 Utah Navajo Trust Fund and increase the royalties collected and paid on minerals produced on  
45 the extension from 37.5% to 62.5%.

46           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah supports the  
47 proposed bill to transfer all rights, title, and interest in and to the federal minerals located in the  
48 subsurface of the McCracken Extension of the Navajo Nation to the Utah Navajo Trust Fund.

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