

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This resolution relates to global warming and climate change.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

▶ acknowledges that average global temperature and average Utah temperature have increased substantially over recent decades, and that scientific consensus is that a substantial cause for these increases is human-caused emissions; and

▶ commits that the Legislature and Governor will base decisions regarding state energy policies on the best scientific evidence available and urges individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, average global temperatures and average Utah temperatures have increased substantially over recent decades;

WHEREAS, scientific consensus is that a substantial cause for these temperature increases is human-caused emissions, predominantly carbon dioxide and methane created by the burning of fossil fuels;



28 WHEREAS, continued increase in average global temperature is likely to have some  
29 predictable, serious, and negative consequences like the loss of polar ice caps and glaciers,  
30 increased sea levels, and injury to plant and animal species that are not able to respond to the  
31 warmer climates;

32 WHEREAS, a continued increase in average Utah temperatures may also have serious  
33 negative consequences including threats to the skiing industry, reduction in snowpack at lower  
34 altitudes, and increased intensity of wildfires; and

35 WHEREAS, Utah also struggles with the negative health effects caused by air pollution  
36 during winter inversion seasons, which are in large part caused by the burning of fossil fuels:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the  
38 Governor concurring therein, commits to base decisions regarding state energy policies on the  
39 best scientific evidence available regarding local and global consequences for energy use.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor commit to  
41 seeking energy policies that will protect the health of our state and planet, enlarge the economy  
42 of our state, and keep energy affordable for our citizens.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor encourage  
44 individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor commit to working  
46 together, and to work with the state's federal delegation, to seek policies that further these  
47 goals.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the state's  
49 federal delegation.