

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND
ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution encourages the responsible stewardship of natural resources and reduction of emissions through incentives and support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge the economy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ acknowledges Utah's tradition of stewardship, innovation, ingenuity, and problem solving;
- ▶ recognizes the need for responsible stewardship and prudent management of natural resources;
- ▶ recognizes the impacts of a changing climate on Utah citizens;
- ▶ expresses commitment to create and support economically viable and broadly supported solutions;
- ▶ encourages the understanding and use of available information to address the causes and effects of changes to our local and regional climates; and
- ▶ encourages the reduction of emissions through incentives and the support of growth in technologies and services that enlarge the economy.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None



28 **Other Special Clauses:**

29 None



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

32 WHEREAS, Utah has a tradition of supporting good stewardship of our land, air, and
33 water;

34 WHEREAS, Utah is a leader in technological innovation, ingenuity in problem-solving,
35 and working together to create solutions;

36 WHEREAS, preservation of Utah's economic longevity and role as a leader in fiscal
37 responsibility depends on prudent management of natural resources;

38 WHEREAS, protection, conservation, and reasonable management of the natural
39 environment are essential principles of responsible stewardship;

40 WHEREAS, Utah recognizes the inherent worth of our natural resources, in addition to
41 their economic value, in their contribution to our identity and their role in inspiring creativity,
42 strengthening families, and providing for future generations;

43 WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Health has issued a report outlining the increased
44 risk of extreme weather events, including wildfires, water scarcity, and flooding;

45 WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Health has included in their report on climate
46 change an increase in the prevalence of health concerns such as elevated asthma rates and other
47 respiratory illnesses;

48 WHEREAS, the impacts of a changing climate negatively affect Utah citizens and
49 impair productivity in key economic areas; and

50 WHEREAS, studies predict that any efforts to mitigate the risks of, prepare for, or
51 otherwise address our changing climate and its effects should not constrain the economy nor its
52 global competitiveness;

53 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
54 Governor concurring therein, commits to working constructively, using our heritage of
55 technological ingenuity, innovation, and leadership to create and support economically viable
56 and broadly supported private and public solutions.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we should prioritize our understanding and use of
58 available information to address causes and effects of measured changes to our local and

59 regional climates, including mitigation efforts to balance human activities.

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
61 individuals, corporations, and state agencies to reduce emissions through incentives and
62 support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge our economy in a way that
63 is both energy efficient and less energy intensive.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of
65 Utah's congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note
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