

Representative Rebecca P. Edwards proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND
ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards

Senate Sponsor: Todd Weiler

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, including in rural communities;
 - ▶ encourages the use and analysis of sound science to understand the causes and impacts of local and regional climates;
 - ▶ encourages resilient ecosystems that can better adapt to our changing environment;
- and



26 ▶ encourages the reduction of emissions through incentives and the support of growth
27 in technologies and services that enlarge the economy.

28 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

29 None

30 **Other Special Clauses:**

31 None

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has reported an increase in the prevalence of
48 health concerns such as elevated asthma rates and other respiratory illnesses as a potential
49 consequence of a changing climate;

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

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

55 WHEREAS, Utah recognizes that stewardship includes fostering and maintaining
56 resilient ecosystems that have the capacity to adapt to our changing environment:

57 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
58 Governor concurring therein, commits to working constructively, using our heritage of
59 technological ingenuity, innovation, and leadership to create and support economically viable
60 and broadly supported private and public solutions, including in rural communities.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we should prioritize our understanding and use of
62 sound science to address causes of a changing climate and support innovation and
63 environmental stewardship in order to realize positive solutions.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
65 individuals, corporations, and state agencies to reduce emissions through incentives and
66 support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge our economy in a way that
67 is both energy efficient and cost effective.

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