

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF WIND, SOLAR, AND GEOTHERMAL
ENERGY**

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system and supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ acknowledges the important role of rural communities in the development of energy resources;



- 26 ▶ recognizes the economic and supply benefits that wind, solar, and geothermal
- 27 energy development provide;
- 28 ▶ recognizes the energy market opportunities available to those states that develop
- 29 wind, solar, and geothermal energy;
- 30 ▶ supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the
- 31 state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system; and
- 32 ▶ supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other
- 33 states.

34 **Special Clauses:**

35 None



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

38 WHEREAS, Utah's rural communities have long produced much of the energy
39 necessary to drive Utah's economy;

40 WHEREAS, some of these rural communities have not always enjoyed the prosperity
41 that has come with Utah's tremendous economic growth in recent decades;

42 WHEREAS, many of these rural communities are rich with the natural resources,
43 including wind, sun, and geothermal resources, necessary to provide energy for Utah and the
44 nation;

45 WHEREAS, competitive energy markets in western states are providing new
46 opportunities for the sale of energy across state lines;

47 WHEREAS, many western states are responding to this energy opportunity by
48 harnessing wind, solar, and geothermal power, thus providing economic benefits for rural
49 communities and energy supplies to customers within and outside their states; and

50 WHEREAS, Utah has an opportunity to maintain its position as a net exporter of energy
51 and a leader in energy production and innovation in the region:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
53 Governor concurring therein, supports rural development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy
54 resources within Utah as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system, so that Utah's rural
55 communities can take an active part in and receive the benefits of Utah's economic
56 development.

57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the
58 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states in the West through
59 participation in centralized and bilateral energy markets.

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