

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUBMITTING A QUESTION TO  
VOTERS**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Rebecca P. Edwards**

Senate Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to the legal voters of the state to determine whether the voters support an increase in motor and special fuel tax rates for public education and local roads.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ pursuant to Title 36, Chapter 16b, Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions, directs the lieutenant governor to present an opinion question to the legal voters of the state to determine whether the voters support an increase in the motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon for public education and local roads;
- ▶ directs the lieutenant governor to submit the opinion question on the ballot for the 2018 regular general election; and
- ▶ if the opinion question is approved by voters, requests that the governor call the Legislature into special session to increase the motor and special fuel tax rates.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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



28 WHEREAS, public education is frequently listed as the top concern of Utah residents;

29 WHEREAS, a high-quality education is exceedingly necessary to achieve personal and  
30 statewide prosperity;

31 WHEREAS, additional investments in education will provide greater learning  
32 opportunities for Utah students to succeed;

33 WHEREAS, improving Utah's workforce will stimulate greater economic development  
34 and growth;

35 WHEREAS, funding at the school level allows for local control, community  
36 engagement, and direct investment in the students of each school;

37 WHEREAS, approximately \$600 million is taken from the state's General Fund to  
38 subsidize the Transportation Fund each year;

39 WHEREAS, additional transportation-sourced funding is needed for the Transportation  
40 Fund to better sustain itself;

41 WHEREAS, if the state's Transportation Fund is more self-sustaining, more resources  
42 in the General Fund will be available for use by the state public education system;

43 WHEREAS, increasing the motor and special fuel tax will generate substantial revenue  
44 for the Transportation Fund and reduce the subsidy from the General Fund; and

45 WHEREAS, Section [36-16b-202](#) provides a process for the Legislature to submit a  
46 nonbinding opinion question to the legal voters of Utah in a regular general election:

47 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
48 directs the lieutenant governor to submit the following nonbinding opinion question to the legal  
49 voters of Utah at the 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018:

50 "To provide additional funding for public education and local roads, should the state  
51 increase the motor and special fuel tax rates by an equivalent of 10 cents per gallon?".

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the lieutenant  
53 governor, who is hereby directed, in accordance with this resolution and Title 36, Chapter 16b,  
54 Nonbinding Statewide Public Opinion Questions, to submit the language of the foregoing  
55 opinion question at the 2018 regular general election, to be held on November 6, 2018, to the  
56 legal voters of the state for their approval.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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