

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

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STATE OF UTAH

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**LONG TITLE**

**Committee Note:**

The Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee recommended this bill.

**General Description:**

This resolution supports the development of wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, 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, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal energy to other states.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ acknowledges the important role of rural communities in the development of energy resources;
- ▶ recognizes the economic and supply benefits that wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal energy development provide;
- ▶ recognizes the energy market opportunities available to those states that develop wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal energy;
- ▶ supports the development of wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy



28 system; and

29       ▶ supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and  
30 geothermal energy to other states.

31 **Special Clauses:**

32       None



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

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

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

39       WHEREAS, many of these rural communities are rich with the natural resources,  
40 including wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal resources, necessary to provide  
41 energy for Utah and the nation;

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

44       WHEREAS, Utah's natural salt dome geologic formations provide complementary  
45 cost-effective storage potential for wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal  
46 development, as well as their own economic development opportunities;

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

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

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

58       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the

59 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, hydrogen, hydroelectric, and geothermal energy to other  
60 states in the West through participation in centralized and bilateral energy markets.