

Representative Patrice M. Arent proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RENEWABLE AND**
2 **SUSTAINABLE ENERGY OPTIONS TO PROMOTE RURAL**
3 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

4 2019 GENERAL SESSION

5 STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

14 **General Description:**

15 This resolution supports the development of wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit
16 hydroelectric, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the state as a compliment to
17 Utah's diversified energy system and supports the export of those Utah-produced
18 renewable energy sources to other states.

19 **Highlighted Provisions:**

20 This resolution:
21 ▶ acknowledges the important role of rural communities in the development of energy
22 resources;
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- 24 ▶ recognizes the economic and supply benefits that wind, solar, hydrogen, small
- 25 conduit hydroelectric, and geothermal energy development provide;
- 26 ▶ recognizes the energy market opportunities available to those states that develop
- 27 wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and geothermal energy;
- 28 ▶ supports the development of wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and
- 29 geothermal energy in rural areas of the state as a complement to Utah's diversified
- 30 energy system; and
- 31 ▶ supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit
- 32 hydroelectric, and geothermal energy to other states.

33 **Special Clauses:**

34 None



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

37 WHEREAS, Utah's rural communities have long produced much of the energy

38 necessary to drive Utah's economy;

39 WHEREAS, some of these rural communities have not always enjoyed the prosperity

40 that has come with Utah's tremendous economic growth in recent decades;

41 WHEREAS, many of these rural communities are rich with the natural resources,

42 including wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and geothermal resources,

43 necessary to provide energy for Utah and the nation;

44 WHEREAS, competitive energy markets in western states are providing new

45 opportunities for the sale of energy across state lines;

46 WHEREAS, Utah's natural salt dome geologic formations provide complementary

47 cost-effective storage potential for wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and

48 geothermal development, as well as their own economic development opportunities;

49 WHEREAS, many western states are responding to this energy opportunity by

50 harnessing wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and geothermal power, thus

51 providing economic benefits for rural communities and energy supplies to customers within

52 and outside their states; and

53 WHEREAS, Utah has an opportunity to maintain its position as a net exporter of energy

54 and a leader in energy production and innovation in the region:

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

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the
61 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, hydrogen, small conduit hydroelectric, and geothermal
62 energy to other states in the West through participation in centralized and bilateral energy
63 markets.