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Representative Stephen G. Handy proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY TO UPDATE SWITCHER LOCOMOTIVE EMISSION STANDARDS

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution urges the Environmental Protection Agency to update switcher locomotive emission standards.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the railroad's economic impact in Utah;
- ▶ describes the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) emission standards for switcher locomotives;
- ▶ recognizes that ~~higher~~ more stringent emission standards for switcher locomotives

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would reduce harmful emissions in the state;

- ▶ acknowledges that federal law prohibits states from adopting more stringent emission standards for switcher locomotives; and
- ▶ urges the EPA to develop and make more stringent emission standards for switcher locomotives.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, railroads continue to play a vital role in Utah's economy;

WHEREAS, there are approximately ~~60~~ 63 switcher locomotives operating in Utah;

WHEREAS, the vast majority of the switcher locomotives operating in Utah are certified to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Tier 0 or Tier 0+ emission standards;

WHEREAS, the Utah Division of Air Quality finds replacing and repowering switcher locomotives to be a cost-effective emission control strategy;

WHEREAS, replacing or repowering a switcher locomotive certified to the Tier 0+ emission standard to meet Tier 4 emission standards would result in an 89% reduction in nitrogen-oxide emissions and an 88.5% reduction in direct particulate-matter emissions;

WHEREAS, the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 7543(e) prohibits states from establishing emission standards for locomotives;

WHEREAS, current EPA ~~repowering~~ emissions standards only require switcher locomotives certified to the Tier 0 emission standard to be ~~repowered~~ remanufactured to meet the Tier 0+ emission standard and such ~~repowering~~ remanufacturing may continue indefinitely; and

WHEREAS, the EPA has continued to tighten the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for fine particulate matter and ozone without providing improved locomotive ~~repowering~~ remanufacturing emissions requirements to help meet said standards:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring ~~therein~~ therein, hereby requests that the EPA develop and make more stringent switcher locomotive ~~repowering~~ emissions standards requiring ~~operators~~ that Tier 0 and 0+ locomotives be repowered to meet Tier 4 ~~or better emission~~ standards ~~across their~~

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~~entire fleets~~ or otherwise be retired in a timely and cost-effective manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of the Administrator, and each member of Utah's congressional delegation.