

Senator Kirk A. Cullimore proposes the following substitute bill:

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING SOLUTIONS FOR**
2 **THE CENTRAL WASATCH MOUNTAINS**

3 2019 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore**

6 House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution urges solutions for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:

- 13 ▶ recognizes the tremendous value of the Central Wasatch Mountains;
- 14 ▶ acknowledges the work of the Central Wasatch Commission to develop solutions

15 that address significant transportation and land management issues;

16 ▶ urges the President of the United States, Congress, and Utah's congressional
17 delegation to propose and secure passage of legislation that ~~§~~→ **[uses the principles the**

18 **Mountain Accord developed and implements the Central Wasatch Commission's**

19 **recommendations] achieves the goals of this resolution** ←~~§~~ ; and

20 ▶ reflects the desires of local and state governments to work with all parties to further
21 solutions to longstanding issues and desires of the parties of the Mountain Accord.

22 **Special Clauses:**

23 None

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



26 WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Mountains have enormous economic, watershed,
27 natural, and recreational value for the state of Utah;

28 WHEREAS, resolving the longstanding issues facing the Central Wasatch Mountains
29 and providing for the implementation of actions that will serve the Central Wasatch Region and
30 the state of Utah benefits all parties, interests, and governmental entities;

31 WHEREAS, the severe traffic congestion in the Cottonwood Canyons and other areas,
32 including associated safety problems, is the most urgent issue affecting the safe and enjoyable
33 use of the Central Wasatch Mountains;

34 ~~§→ [WHEREAS, in 2012, the Legislature passed and the Governor concurred in S.C.R. 10;~~
35 ~~Concurrent Resolution Supporting Utah's Interconnected Ski and Snowboard Industry, which~~
36 ~~urged the low-impact interconnection of the seven Salt Lake County and Summit County ski~~
37 ~~resorts and supported a comprehensive set of solutions to transportation problems in the~~
38 ~~Wasatch Mountains;] ←§~~

39 WHEREAS, public and private parties worked together for five years to find solutions
40 to longstanding issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains, resulting in a comprehensive
41 agreement, the Mountain Accord, signed by all major stakeholders;

42 WHEREAS, part of the Mountain Accord called for the establishment of a coordinating
43 and implementing governmental entity, which became the Central Wasatch Commission,
44 formed in accordance with Title 11, Chapter 13, Interlocal Cooperation Act, by the state of
45 Utah and all the local governments in and around the Central Wasatch Mountains;

46 WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Commission, working with the Utah Department of
47 Transportation and all affected parties, seeks local, state, and federal solutions to the increasing
48 transportation issues limiting access and ability to enjoy the Central Wasatch Mountains;

49 WHEREAS, the Central Wasatch Commission and many stakeholders have made
50 progress in negotiating compromises and developing potential solutions regarding:

- 51 • providing additional direction for the federal lands managed by the
- 52 United States Forest Service; and
- 53 • consolidating public and private ownership through land exchanges in
- 54 sensible realignments that protect public interests and promote private
- 55 interests; and

56 WHEREAS, in accordance with legislative appropriations and direction, the Utah