

1 **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NUCLEAR**
2 **REACTOR TECHNOLOGY**

3 2019 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Curtis S. Bramble**

6 House Sponsor: Brad M. Daw

8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10 This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor supports the
11 development and integration of advanced nuclear reactor technology as a way of
12 supporting Utah's continued economic growth while addressing the health of Utah's
13 environment and of Utah's residents.

14 **Highlighted Provisions:**

15 This resolution:

- 16 ▶ acknowledges Utah's leadership, ingenuity, and prudence in solving tough
17 generational challenges like climate change and air pollution;
- 18 ▶ recognizes that Utah's population is set to double by 2050 and that local, rural, and
19 regional energy demands will necessarily grow as a result of these changes;
- 20 ▶ recognizes that advancing affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy across all
21 Utah's resources will be key to growing Utah's economy;
- 22 ▶ recognizes that advanced nuclear technology is a safe, resilient, and environmentally
23 sustainable energy resource;
- 24 ▶ recognizes that advanced nuclear technology is a flexible generation source that can
25 support the integration of renewable resources in a carbon free manner; and
- 26 ▶ supports the procurement of energy from advanced nuclear facilities as well as the
27 construction and operation of advanced nuclear facilities within the state of Utah.



28 **Special Clauses:**

29 None



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

32 WHEREAS, Utah's economy is one of the healthiest and fastest growing in the United
33 States with a population that will more than double by 2050;

34 WHEREAS, Utah supports private and public technological innovation and solutions to
35 reduce carbon emissions, promote economic growth, and protect the environment for future
36 generations;

37 WHEREAS, the growth of Utah's economy is supported by an increasingly diverse
38 energy portfolio, but will need to broaden its supply of flexible and resilient base load
39 electricity resources to meet growing demand;

40 WHEREAS, under Title 10, Chapter 19, Utah Municipal Electric Utility Carbon
41 Emission Reduction Act, nuclear energy is recognized as a qualifying zero carbon emissions
42 resource and is important to reducing Utah's carbon emissions and cleaning the state's air;

43 WHEREAS, advanced nuclear reactor technology has the potential to meet Utah's base
44 load generation needs with a carbon free energy source;

45 WHEREAS, the engineering and design of advanced nuclear facilities can result in both
46 enhanced electricity reliability and public safety, and can do so in a fiscally responsible
47 manner;

48 WHEREAS, the manufacturing and construction of advanced nuclear facilities will
49 facilitate the construction and operation of nuclear facilities in rural Utah; and

50 WHEREAS, the dispatch and ramping ability of advanced nuclear facilities can be
51 adjusted to meet the variability of renewable generation:

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
53 Governor concurring therein, supports market access to energy derived from advanced nuclear
54 reactor facilities;

55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the
56 development of advanced nuclear facilities within the state, and when it serves Utah's interests,
57 within other states, as a means of ensuring that Utah has access to abundant, affordable,
58 resilient, flexible, and clean energy that supports the state's growing economy.