

Representative Kim F. Coleman proposes the following substitute bill:

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

2019 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Kirk A. Cullimore

House Sponsor: Steve Eliason

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution urges solutions for the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the tremendous value of the Central Wasatch Mountains;
- ▶ urges the President of the United States, Congress, and Utah's congressional

delegation to recognize the hard work and desires of local and state governments to work with all parties to further solutions to longstanding issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains.

Special Clauses:

None

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

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

WHEREAS, resolving the longstanding issues facing the Central Wasatch Mountains and providing for the implementation of actions that will serve the Central Wasatch Region and



26 the state of Utah benefits all parties, interests, and governmental entities;

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

30 WHEREAS, public and private parties worked together for five years to find solutions
31 to longstanding issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains;

32 WHEREAS, the Utah Department of Transportation seeks local, state, and federal
33 solutions to the increasing transportation issues limiting access and ability to enjoy the Central
34 Wasatch Mountains; and

35 WHEREAS, in accordance with legislative appropriations and direction, the Utah
36 Department of Transportation is determining approaches to address the transportation crisis in
37 Little Cottonwood Canyon and Big Cottonwood Canyon in conjunction with other
38 transportation solutions on the Wasatch Front and Wasatch Back through an Environmental
39 Impact Statement and Transportation Corridor Action Plan:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
41 Governor concurring therein, reflecting the will of local communities and many interests, urge
42 the President of the United States, Congress, and Utah's congressional delegation to develop
43 legislation that provides for expeditious federal permitting for transportation solutions
44 involving federal land.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah Department of Transportation, Utah
46 Transit Authority, and local and federal governments continue working toward solutions to
47 transportation issues in the Central Wasatch Mountains.