

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE
INTRODUCTION OF WOLVES**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Logan Wilde

Senate Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution addresses the introduction of wolves into the Southern Rockies.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ acknowledges efforts to introduce wolves into the Southern Rockies;
- ▶ discusses the impacts of the introduction of wolves in Idaho and Wyoming;
- ▶ presents harms to the state should wolves travel into Utah;
- ▶ provides that the Legislature and Governor oppose the artificial human introduction of wolves into the Southern Rockies; and
- ▶ calls upon governmental entities to block efforts to force wolves on Utah.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, there are parties who are pursuing artificial human introduction of wolves into the Southern Rockies, specifically including Colorado, Utah, and other states;

WHEREAS, the artificial introduction of Canadian wolves into Idaho and Wyoming and the rapid expansion and growth of wolf populations outside of those introduction areas has



28 resulted in significant harm to indigenous wildlife populations of shiras moose, elk, mule deer,
29 and other wildlife species, and harm to livestock producers;

30 WHEREAS, wolf populations grow and travel outside areas of artificial introduction;

31 WHEREAS, a forced introduction of wolves could cost taxpayer dollars, redirect
32 already limited wildlife management resources, and have a significant negative economic
33 impact to the state; and

34 WHEREAS, the Legislature has struck a balance concerning wolf management that
35 would be disturbed by a significant influx of wolves as a result of artificial introduction of
36 wolves in surrounding states:

37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
38 Governor concurring therein, opposes the artificial human introduction of wolves into the
39 Southern Rockies, specifically including Colorado and any area where the wolves will travel
40 into or within the state of Utah which will result in widespread regional impacts and harm in
41 the state of Utah.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor call upon the
43 President of the United States, the United States Department of the Interior, and Congress, to
44 block efforts to force wolves on the state of Utah to preserve the historical and conservation
45 values of Utah, its wildlife, its family ranchers, its economy, its outdoor heritage, and its
46 citizens.

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of
48 the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, and each
49 member of Utah's congressional delegation.