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Representative Carl R. Albrecht proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING COOPERATIVE ACTION REGARDING NATIONAL MONUMENTS

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht

Senate Sponsor: ~~{_____}~~ David P. Hinkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution encourages the President to work cooperatively with the state's congressional delegation, the state's legislative and executive branches, local ~~{elected officials}~~ communities, and tribes on action regarding national monuments.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ outlines the state's stewardship of lands;
- ▶ addresses the federal government's creation of federal monuments in the state; and
- ▶ encourages the Biden administration to work with state leaders to create permanent solutions to the issues raised by federal monuments.

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Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the state is a wise steward of the land and is committed to conservation and continued recreational access for hunters, anglers, campers, and other recreationists, ~~†~~ as well as allowing for productive uses, including agriculture, timber production, and energy and natural resource development, and traditional/historical uses like those of tribes;

WHEREAS, Utah, local ~~{people}~~ residents, and tribes value the culturally and historically significant artifacts and ~~{scenic areas that are worthy of monument designation}~~ sites in the state;

WHEREAS, Utah was the first state to provide ~~{for}~~ state-managed resource ~~{land}~~ management plans -- signaling Utah's commitment to ~~{thoughtful}~~ responsible management;

WHEREAS, the state and federal government share interests, along with the tribes, in preserving sensitive areas and artifacts ~~{and}~~ in creating {certainty in} a balanced approach to managing national monuments, and in responsibly developing resources on public lands;

WHEREAS, for an extended period of time, Utah has been the center of controversial and divisive unilateral national monument decisions;

WHEREAS, although Utah's congressional delegation and many state and local leaders publicly opposed the designation of the Bears Ears National Monument, in December 2016, President Obama designated the Bears Ears National Monument, limiting public access to 1.35 million acres in San Juan County and affecting over 100,000 acres of land held by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration to which Utah should have a legal right to access;

WHEREAS, the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument was created in 1996 by President Clinton without input or support from Garfield or Kane counties, their citizens, their public officials, or the state legislature and without consideration of roads, local economies, customs, culture, and heritage;

WHEREAS, the designation of Utah lands as monuments has reduced the ability of the state to actively manage for land health issues such as vegetation treatments, erosion control, water management, grazing management, wildlife management activities, fire management, and invasive plant control;

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WHEREAS, the tourism economy that national monuments create ~~{a tourism economy that}~~ fails to offset the negative financial impacts of reduced natural resources related jobs and the state's ability to manage lands for future economic growth;

WHEREAS, Utah has an interest in protecting ~~{areas of interest}~~ Utah's lands in a way that also protects the economy, development, custom, culture, heritage, educational opportunities, health, and well-being of local communities;

WHEREAS, both Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument and Bears Ears National Monument were reduced in size in 2017, and new management plans have been written accordingly;

WHEREAS, President Biden issued an executive order on his first day in office calling for a study of enlarging both monuments;

WHEREAS, changing the size of these national monuments every four to eight years does not help anyone, particularly those whose life and livelihood are tied to the land;

WHEREAS, the nation, state, and tribes will benefit from a unified effort to address management of Utah's land;

WHEREAS, the only way to provide long-term stable management solutions is through federal legislation that includes returning broad land designation authority in Utah to Congress in consultation with the state legislature;

WHEREAS, legislation has the advantage of being able to provide solutions that a Presidential Proclamation under the Antiquities Act cannot, such as ~~{funding}~~ addressing needs for education, interpretation, and enforcement;

WHEREAS, ~~{a}~~ legislative ~~{solution allows more innovative solutions with the approval of local governments, tribes, and interested groups}~~ solutions may promote greater innovation;

WHEREAS, the state legislature ~~{can}~~ should work cooperatively with the federal delegation ~~{on}~~ regarding the details of ~~{legislation better than the state legislature can be represented in a presidential}~~ any land-related legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the state desires to find a collaborative, broadly supported, and long-term solution to the question of national monuments in Utah, ~~{specifically}~~ including Grand Staircase-Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the State of Utah, the

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Governor concurring therein, encourages President Biden to work with Utah's congressional delegation, the state's legislative and executive branches, local ~~{elected officials in Utah}~~ communities, and the tribes to develop a ~~{consensus product related to national monuments, including a permanent solution approved by Congress}~~ long-term, sustainable solution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Utah's congressional delegation of the state and the President of the United States.