

JOINT RESOLUTION ON JAIL FACILITIES

2021 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: David P. Hinkins

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature supports contracting for beds for state inmates at the Emery County correctional facility.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and the counties through a contract with the Department of Corrections; and
- ▶ approves contracting for beds dedicated to housing inmates in Emery County.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

WHEREAS, counties in Utah contract with the Department of Corrections to provide prison bed space for state prisoners;

WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and the counties that saved taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities while, at the same time, assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code Subsection [64-13e-103\(6\)](#), the Department of Corrections may not enter into a contract with a county to house state inmates unless the Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution that includes the approximate number of



28 beds to be contracted, the daily rate at which the county is paid to house a state inmate, the
29 approximate amount of a county's long term debt, and the repayment time of the debt for the
30 facility where inmates are to be housed;

31 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections is authorized to contract for 50 beds in
32 addition to the current 10 beds, in Emery County;

33 WHEREAS, the state daily incarceration rate that the Department of Corrections will
34 pay the county per inmate is currently \$54.46 per day;

35 WHEREAS, the facility that would house the inmates in Emery County has no facility
36 debt;

37 WHEREAS, Emery County has sufficient facilities and beds to accommodate state
38 inmates and has met the requirements of Utah Code Subsection [64-13e-103\(6\)](#); and

39 WHEREAS, contracting with the Department of Corrections for additional jail bed
40 space would assist the state in addressing projected bed space and treatment needs and Emery
41 County's efforts to have sufficient capacity to house the Department of Corrections' jail
42 populations:

43 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
44 approves contracting for beds in the correctional facility located in Emery County in the
45 amount specified in this resolution.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Emery
47 County Commission and the Department of Corrections.