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Representative Raymond P. Ward proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FEDERAL CARBON

FEE AND DIVIDEND PROGRAM

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution addresses ~~CO₂~~ pollution, its impact on the environment, and ways to efficiently promote clean air technology.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ describes the impact that ~~CO₂~~ pollution has on the environment;
- ▶ recognizes the value of energy;
- ▶ recognizes the negative impacts of government regulation and support of specific technologies;
- ▶ addresses international aspects of CO₂ emissions;

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- ▶ supports the use of nation-wide border adjusted carbon fees and dividends as the best way to encourage the development of clean energy technologies;
- ▶ supports the principle of coupling a border adjusted carbon fee and dividend program with a decrease of individual regulations on and government support for individual industry segments or specific companies;
- ▶ opposes any requirement of reparations from the fossil fuel industry; and
- ▶ supports a loosening of federal requirements placed on the mining industry to facilitate acquisition of the minerals needed for clean energy technologies.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, CO₂ is produced by large industries and small industries, and each of us as individuals in the products that we purchase and the energy that we use;

WHEREAS, CO₂ and other pollutants contribute to the warming of the environment;

WHEREAS, this global warming is not a hypothetical future, but is already happening, as evidenced by an increase in average temperature over the last 60 years by 1 degree Fahrenheit globally, 2 degrees Fahrenheit in Utah, and 7 degrees Fahrenheit in the Arctic Circle;

WHEREAS, on a global scale, continued warming will almost certainly lead to many unpredictable, but ~~bad~~ adverse outcomes;

WHEREAS, on a local level, increased heat would certainly mean decreased snow in the winter and decreased available water supply due to increased evaporation losses in the summer;

WHEREAS, humanity could not have attained the current level of prosperity without the energy derived from fossil fuels, and abundant affordable energy is necessary for humanity to continue to survive and prosper;

WHEREAS, there are many possible paths forward to generate the needed energy, without creating CO₂ emissions, including:

- solar power with battery storage;
- on and off-shore wind power;

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- geothermal energy;
- ~~{green}~~clean hydrogen production;
- ~~{coal}~~hydrocarbon production paired with carbon capture;
- nuclear energy;
- pump storage of intermittent forms of renewable energy; or
- other as yet unidentified technologies;

WHEREAS, instead of asking government ~~{decisions that support specific technologies~~
~~have not resulted in}~~ bureaucracies to guess which of these methods of producing clean energy
would be the most effective and then to create arbitrary incentives for their preferred
alternative, there would be a better chance of arriving at the best ~~{outcomes and can be prone~~
~~to corruption}~~;

~~WHEREAS, free market principles require that a producer pay for the damage caused~~
~~by the pollution generated to manufacture the product that the producer sells;~~

~~WHEREAS, instead of making arbitrary regulations for each particular industry, asking~~
~~for}~~ outcome if producers of CO₂ pollution were required to pay ~~{for the producer's}~~ their fair
share of the damage caused ~~{and then letting}~~ by the CO₂, and, once the cost of the pollution is
added in, allow individuals and private investors ~~{in the private market}~~ to choose which
products they wish to purchase and invest in ~~{is a better way to find and encourage the best~~
~~clean energy technologies}~~;

WHEREAS, to avoid increasing the burden on those least able to ~~{bare}~~ bear the cost, it
is not advisable to simply tax carbon, but rather to return the money collected from a carbon fee
to the taxpayer via a dividend program;

WHEREAS, it is in the United States' strong national interest to remain the world's
leading energy innovator and no other nation is as well suited for that role;

WHEREAS, to be effective, any national climate solution must hold other major
emitters like China, Russia, and India accountable for their carbon pollution;

WHEREAS, these other countries often exploit their weaker environmental standards
by sending cheaper products to the United States, at the expense of United States
manufacturers, our workers, and the environment;

WHEREAS, United States manufacturers have made greater progress at lowering their
emissions, so much so that they generate only one-third the carbon emissions of China's

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producers and one-fourth the emissions of Russia's producers; and

WHEREAS, to avoid disadvantaging ~~{American}~~ United States manufacturers and energy producers and to avoid off-shoring pollution to other countries, it is necessary to couple any carbon fee and dividend program with a national border tax adjustment, so that the CO₂ pollution ~~{ from energy production or from products }~~ produced in other countries pays its fair share when it crosses the border into our country to be sold:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah expresses support for a nation-wide border adjusted carbon fee and dividend program as the best way to require that producers of CO₂ pollution pay for the impact that ~~{the manufacturing process}~~ CO₂ has on the environment while enlisting the power of the free market to identify and encourage the best carbon free solutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the principle that any border adjusted carbon fee and dividend program be coupled with a decrease of individual regulations on energy production and decreased government support for individual industry segments or particular companies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature opposes any requirement of reparations from the fossil fuel industry, while our economy transitions to forms of energy production that result in less CO₂ pollution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports a loosening of the federal requirements placed on mining in order to acquire the minerals needed for clean energy technologies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah congressional delegation.