

**JOINT RESOLUTION PROMOTING AWARENESS OF
MOTORCYCLING**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks

Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution concerns collaboration and communication between the motorcycle community and law enforcement regarding motorcycle traffic stops.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ encourages collaboration and communication between law enforcement and the motorcycle community regarding motorcycle traffic stops; and
- ▶ urges state law enforcement officials to include procedures for motorcycle traffic stops in policies and training.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, according to the Federal Highway Administration, motorcycle ridership has continued to increase over time, with nationwide registrations growing from 3,826,373 in 1997 to almost 9,000,000 today;

WHEREAS, some motorcycle enthusiasts believe that they are sometimes singled out for traffic stops simply for riding a motorcycle or wearing motorcycle-related apparel without any other legal basis under the Utah Constitution or the United States Constitution;



28 WHEREAS, one survey found that approximately half of the motorcyclists surveyed
29 felt that they had been targeted for a traffic stop by law enforcement at least one time;

30 WHEREAS, complaints surrounding motorcycle traffic stops have been cited in all 50
31 states;

32 WHEREAS, nationwide protests to raise awareness and combat this problem have been
33 held in multiple states;

34 WHEREAS, the state of Washington enacted legislation requiring training to ensure
35 that issues related to motorcycle traffic stops are addressed in basic law enforcement training,
36 and that applicable training is offered to in-service law enforcement officers in conjunction
37 with existing training regarding traffic stops; and

38 WHEREAS, other states, including Maryland, Louisiana, and Idaho, have enacted
39 legislation prohibiting the targeting of motorcyclists for traffic stops, and 19 states have
40 restricted motorcycle-only checkpoints by state law or judicial action:

41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
42 recognizes that law enforcement generally fulfills law enforcement's duty in an exemplary
43 manner, and encourages collaboration and communication between the motorcycle community
44 and law enforcement to engage in efforts to curb illegal motorcycle traffic stops.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges state law enforcement
46 officials to include procedures for motorcycle traffic stops in written policies and training
47 materials.