

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SERVICES FOR
VETERANS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton

Senate Sponsor: Ann Millner

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution encourages the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to submit a grant application for replacement and expansion of the Salt Lake Veterans Home.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ honors all who have served in the United States Armed Forces;
- ▶ recognizes that the William E. Christofferson Salt Lake Veterans Home is in need of an update in design and expansion; and
- ▶ encourages and supports the submission of a grant application to the State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah honors and is proud of all who have worn the uniform of our great nation while serving in the United States Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, Utah is home to almost 150,000 military veterans;

WHEREAS, there are four state-owned Veterans Homes in Utah under the oversight of



28 the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs providing skilled-nursing services to
29 over 400 residents;

30 WHEREAS, the oldest of those homes is the William E. Christofferson Veterans Home
31 in Salt Lake City and is in need of an update in design and expansion to meet the changing
32 standard of care and increase in demand;

33 WHEREAS, the current William E. Christofferson Salt Lake Veterans Home is not able
34 to be upgraded and expanded at its current location;

35 WHEREAS, the Legislature has supported and encouraged the construction of Veterans
36 Homes in the past;

37 WHEREAS, the United State Department of Veterans Affairs participates with states in
38 the construction of state-owned veterans homes through the VA State Veterans Home
39 Construction Grant Program:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
41 supports the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs in applying for a grant to assist
42 in the construction of a new Veterans Home in Salt Lake City.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages the
44 Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to submit a grant application to the United
45 States Department of Veterans and Affairs for participation in the State Veterans Home
46 Construction Grant Program for replacement and expansion of the Salt Lake Veterans Home.