

Representative Stephen G. Handy proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE USE BY THE

STATE OF BLENDED CEMENTS

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Stephen G. Handy

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution encourages review of the benefits of blended cements and incentivizing their use.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ describes blended cements, their use, and benefits;
- ▶ discusses policies related to use of environmentally beneficial products; and
- ▶ encourages the review of the benefits of blended cements and the adoption of

standards to incentivize the use of blended cements in state building projects, roads, and bridges, with a target date of October 1, 2022, to begin transitioning to the use of portland limestone cement or other blended cements in state construction projects.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, blended cements are innovative and proven products;



26 WHEREAS, portland cement is an industry term for the most commonly used cement
27 that contains up to 5% ground limestone;

28 WHEREAS, portland limestone is an industry term for a type of blended cement that
29 consists of between 5% and 15% ground limestone, which is an abundant natural resource in
30 the state of Utah;

31 WHEREAS, blended cements are used to reduce CO2 and enhance durability;

32 WHEREAS, blended cements have been developed and used effectively in other states
33 for many years as a suitable alternative for traditional cement;

34 WHEREAS, the development of portland limestone cement and other blended cements
35 are known to result in reduced carbon dioxide emissions than the production of traditional
36 cement;

37 WHEREAS, Utah is an important cement producing state in the country;

38 WHEREAS, Utah has a responsibility to conduct Utah's work in a manner that will
39 incentivize the production and use of products known to have environmental benefits;

40 WHEREAS, federal policies are expected to continue prioritizing emission reduction
41 and sustainability with specific regard to publicly funded projects;

42 WHEREAS, Utah's economic development is among the most robust in the nation and
43 the demand for new construction is high;

44 WHEREAS, for the reasons described in this resolution, it is in the best interest of all
45 parties engaged in the construction of state projects to begin a methodical transition toward the
46 incorporation of portland limestone cement and other blended cements; and

47 WHEREAS, the Department of Government Operations and Department of
48 Transportation may within their discretion enact or take measures that will result in the use of
49 blended cements in state projects:

50 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah,
51 encourages the Department of Government Operations and the Department of Transportation to
52 review the benefits of blended cements and adopt standards to incentivize its use in state
53 building projects, roads, and bridges, with a target date of October 1, 2022, to begin a
54 methodical transition to the incorporation of portland limestone cement or other blended
55 cements in state construction projects.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be given to the executive

57 director of the Department of Government Operations and the executive director of the
58 Department of Transportation.