

Senator Derek L. Kitchen proposes the following substitute bill:

**JOINT RESOLUTION EMPHASIZING A DESIRE AND
READINESS TO HOST A FUTURE OLYMPIC AND
PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Derek L. Kitchen

House Sponsor: Jon Hawkins

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature emphasizes Utah's desire and readiness to host a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

► emphasizes Utah's desire and readiness to host a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games (Games).

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, the state of Utah values the experience of hosting the 2002 Games and the legacy that the historic event left on the state and people of Utah;

WHEREAS, the Olympic spirit remains in Utahns of all ages who benefitted from seeing athletes and fans from around the world come together in mutual appreciation of friendship, solidarity, and fair play;



26 WHEREAS, the state of Utah aims to be "Games Ready" by 2027;

27 WHEREAS, the infrastructure from the 2002 Games continues to be used and
28 improved upon, and has served as an ongoing asset with Utah being able to contribute to the
29 development of current and future Olympic athletes;

30 WHEREAS, because of the maintenance and improvements made to Utah's sports
31 systems since the 2002 Games, national and international sporting events continue to choose
32 Utah as host to a diverse range of sporting events;

33 WHEREAS, the institutional knowledge gained and retained from the 2002 Games
34 places Utah in a favorable position to leverage the venues, transportation improvements,
35 sustainability initiatives, and employment opportunities that the Games bring;

36 WHEREAS, Utah has a long history of embracing the values of inclusion, fairness, and
37 sustainability, which were on display during the 2002 Games, and would be reinforced with a
38 future hosting of the Games;

39 WHEREAS, a future hosting of the Games will benefit Utah greatly, and will set a new,
40 positive standard for the world to see how a Games can be held in a way that fortifies the
41 individuals, communities, and environment that the Games impacts; and

42 WHEREAS, by ensuring that public and private investments in new facilities, housing,
43 and transportation systems will be designed to benefit residents, Utah will continue to set a
44 standard for the dynamic use of facilities that will be used by the community and global
45 athletes for many years to come, and will be affordable, sustainable, and accessible:

46 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
47 emphasizes Utah's desire and readiness to host a future Olympic and Paralympic Winter
48 Games.