

Representative Trevor Lee proposes the following substitute bill:

JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CRISIS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Trevor Lee

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This joint resolution of the Legislature addresses the problem of illegal immigration.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ describes problems that illegal immigration causes for the state;
- ▶ condemns the federal government for its failure to respond appropriately to the illegal immigration crisis;
- ▶ expresses the Legislature's support of legal immigration;
- ▶ urges the federal government to solve the problem of illegal immigration or allow states to solve problems caused by illegal immigration; and
- ▶ urges Congress to pass federal legislation relating to immigration.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, illegal immigration at the southern United States border is a crisis that the federal government has failed to resolve;

WHEREAS, illegal immigration is costing Utah taxpayers over \$931,000,000 per year,



26 or over \$900 per Utah household per year;

27 WHEREAS, an estimated 137,000 illegal aliens live in Utah, including roughly 48,000
28 children;

29 WHEREAS, illegal alien households in Utah add approximately 54,100 students to the
30 public education system;

31 WHEREAS, an unchecked flow of illegal aliens into the state will impose an even
32 higher financial burden on the state and its taxpayers than previously;

33 WHEREAS, drugs flow through the southern United States border at an unprecedented
34 rate, and crime and rape run rampant at the southern United States border;

35 WHEREAS, families are separated when they are incentivized to come illegally into the
36 United States; and

37 WHEREAS, pending before Congress is H.R. 2 - Secure the Border Act of 2023:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah
39 condemns the federal government for not responding appropriately to the crisis of illegal
40 immigration.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports legal immigration and
42 urges the federal government to find a solution to the problem and, if not, to let the states,
43 including Utah, find solutions themselves to issues caused by illegal immigration.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges Congress to support and pass
45 H.R. 2 - Secure the Border Act of 2023, currently pending before Congress.