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**PROPOSAL TO AMEND UTAH CONSTITUTION - PUBLIC** 

**EDUCATION Representative Trevor Lee** proposes the following substitute bill:

## **JOINT RESOLUTION ON THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION CRISIS**

2024 GENERAL SESSION STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor:** <del>{\frac{1}{2}</del>**Trevor Lee** 

Senate Sponsor: <del>{</del>}\_\_\_\_\_

#### **LONG TITLE**

#### **General Description:**

This joint resolution of the Legislature {proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to modify a provision relating to the public education system. }addresses the problem of illegal immigration.

### **Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution { proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to:

- limit the public education system to children who are citizens of the United States or legal residents of the United States}:
- <u>describes problems that illegal immigration causes for the state;</u>
- <u>condemns the federal government for its failure to respond appropriately to the illegal immigration crisis;</u>

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- expresses the Legislature's support of legal immigration;
- <u>urges the federal government to solve the problem of illegal immigration or allow</u> states to solve problems caused by illegal immigration; and
- <u>urges Congress to pass federal legislation relating to immigration.</u>

### **Special Clauses:**

This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters.

This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2025 for this proposal.

**Utah Constitution Sections Affected:** 

**AMENDS:** 

ARTICLE X, SECTION 1

<u>None</u>

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah<del>{, two-thirds of all members elected to each of the two houses voting in favor thereof.</del>

Section 1. It is proposed to amend Utah Constitution, Article X, Section 1, to read:

Article X, Section 1. [Free nonsectarian schools.]

The Legislature shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of the state's education systems including: (a) a}:

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, illegal immigration is costing Utah taxpayers over \$931,000,000 per year, or over \$900 per Utah household per year:

<u>WHEREAS</u>, an estimated 137,000 illegal aliens live in Utah, including roughly 48,000 children;

<u>WHEREAS</u>, illegal alien households in Utah add approximately 54,100 students to the public education system {, which shall be open to all children of the state who are citizens or legal residents of}:

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

<u>WHEREAS</u>, drugs flow through the southern United States border at an unprecedented rate, and crime and rape run rampant at the southern United States border;

WHEREAS, families are separated when they are incentivized to come illegally into the

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United States {; and (b) a higher education system. Both systems shall be free from sectarian control.

Section 2. Submittal to voters.

The lieutenant governor is directed to submit this proposed amendment to the voters of the state at the next regular general election in the manner provided by law.

Section 3. Contingent effective date.

If the amendment proposed by this joint resolution is approved by a majority of those voting on it at the next regular general election, the amendment shall take effect on January 1, 2025.

<del>}</del>; and

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

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

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

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