

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution encourages the responsible stewardship of natural resources and reduction of emissions through incentives and support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge the economy.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- acknowledges Utah's tradition of stewardship, innovation, ingenuity, and problem solving;
recognizes the need for responsible stewardship and prudent management of natural

29 resources;

30 ▶ recognizes the impacts of a changing climate on Utah citizens;

31 ▶ expresses commitment to create and support economically viable and broadly

32 supported solutions, including in rural communities;

33 ▶ encourages the use and analysis of sound science to understand the causes and

34 impacts of local and regional climates;

35 ▶ encourages resilient ecosystems that can better adapt to our changing environment;

36 and

37 ▶ encourages the reduction of emissions through incentives and the support of growth

38 in technologies and services that enlarge the economy.

39 **Special Clauses:**

40 None

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42 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:*

43 WHEREAS, Utah has a tradition of supporting good stewardship of our land, air, and

44 water;

45 WHEREAS, Utah is a leader in technological innovation, ingenuity in problem-solving,

46 and working together to create solutions;

47 WHEREAS, preservation of Utah's economic longevity and role as a leader in fiscal

48 responsibility depends on prudent management of natural resources;

49 WHEREAS, protection, conservation, and reasonable management of the natural

50 environment are essential principles of responsible stewardship;

51 WHEREAS, Utah recognizes the inherent worth of our natural resources, in addition to

52 their economic value, in their contribution to our identity and their role in inspiring creativity,

53 strengthening families, and providing for future generations;

54 WHEREAS, the Department of Health has issued a report outlining the increased risk

55 of extreme weather events, including wildfires, water scarcity, and flooding;

56 WHEREAS, the impacts of a changing climate may affect Utah citizens and impair

57 productivity in key economic areas;

58 WHEREAS, any efforts to mitigate the risks of, prepare for, or otherwise address our
59 changing climate and its effects should not constrain the economy nor its global
60 competitiveness; and

61 WHEREAS, Utah recognizes that stewardship includes fostering and maintaining
62 resilient ecosystems that have the capacity to adapt to our changing environment:

63 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
64 Governor concurring therein, commits to working constructively, using our heritage of
65 technological ingenuity, innovation, and leadership to create and support economically viable
66 and broadly supported private and public solutions, including in rural communities.

67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we should prioritize our understanding and use of
68 sound science to address causes of a changing climate and support innovation and
69 environmental stewardship in order to realize positive solutions.

70 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage
71 individuals, corporations, and state agencies to reduce emissions through incentives and
72 support of the growth in technologies and services that will enlarge our economy in a way that
73 is both energy efficient and cost effective.

74 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of
75 Utah's congressional delegation.

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HCR 7 was read
by title three separate times and passed the Senate on a vote of
23 yeas 3 nays and 3 absent.

Signed on March 8, 2018
Certified by Bessie McQueen
Secretary of the Senate

HCR 7 was read
by title three separate times and passed the House on a vote of
51 yeas 21 nays and 3 absent.

Signed on March 13, 2018
Certified by Sandy R. Jerney
Chief Clerk of the House

Received from the Legislature on March 14, 2018
Approved on March 14, 2018

Received from the Governor and filed in the office of the Lieutenant
Governor on March 21, 2018

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Lieutenant Governor



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President of the Senate
 President Pro Tempore



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Speaker of the House
 Speaker Pro Tempore



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Governor