CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC STEWARDSHIP

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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
resources;

recognizes the impacts of a changing climate on Utah citizens;

expresses commitment to create and support economically viable and broadly
supported solutions, including in rural communities;

encourages the use and analysis of sound science to understand the causes and
impacts of local and regional climates;

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

and

encourages the reduction of emissions through incentives and the support of growth
in technologies and services that enlarge the economy.

Special Clauses:

None

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

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

WHEREAS, Utah is a leader in technological innovation, ingenuity in problem-solving,
and working together to create solutions;

WHEREAS, preservation of Utah's economic longevity and role as a leader in fiscal
responsibility depends on prudent management of natural resources;

WHEREAS, protection, conservation, and reasonable management of the natural
environment are essential principles of responsible stewardship;

WHEREAS, Utah recognizes the inherent worth of our natural resources, in addition to
their economic value, in their contribution to our identity and their role in inspiring creativity,
strengthening families, and providing for future generations;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health has issued a report outlining the increased risk
of extreme weather events, including wildfires, water scarcity, and flooding;

WHEREAS, the impacts of a changing climate may affect Utah citizens and impair
productivity in key economic areas;

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of 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

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

Chief Clerk of the House

Received from the Legislature on March 14, 2018

Approved on March 29, 2018

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

Governor

Lieutenant Governor