

Representative Raymond P. Ward proposes the following substitute bill:

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Raymond P. Ward

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution relates to global climate change.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ acknowledges that average global temperature and average Utah temperature have increased over recent decades, and that there is some scientific consensus that a cause for these increases may be human-caused emissions; and

▶ states that the Legislature and Governor will continue to base decisions regarding state energy policies on the best scientific evidence available and will continue to urge individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, average global temperatures and average Utah temperatures have increased over recent decades;

WHEREAS, there is some scientific consensus that a cause for these temperature increases is human-caused emissions, predominantly carbon dioxide and methane created by



26 the burning of fossil fuels, vehicle emissions, large buildings, inefficient lighting and heating,
27 and many other causes;

28 WHEREAS, continued increase in average global temperature may have some serious
29 and negative consequences;

30 WHEREAS, a continued increase in average Utah temperatures may also have negative
31 consequences including threats to the skiing industry, reduction in snowpack at lower altitudes,
32 and increased intensity of wildfires; and

33 WHEREAS, Utah also struggles with the health effects caused by air pollution during
34 winter inversion seasons, which are in part caused by the burning of fossil fuels, vehicle
35 emissions, large buildings, inefficient lighting and heating, and many other causes:

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
37 Governor concurring therein, continue to base decisions regarding state energy policies on the
38 best scientific evidence available regarding local and global consequences for energy use.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor continue to seek
40 energy policies that will protect the health of our state and planet, enlarge the economy of our
41 state, and keep energy affordable for our citizens.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor continue to
43 encourage individuals and corporations to conserve energy.

44 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and Governor will continue to work
45 with the state's federal delegation to seek policies that further these goals.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the state's
47 federal delegation.