

Representative Patrice M. Arent proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RURAL
DEVELOPMENT OF WIND, SOLAR, AND GEOTHERMAL
ENERGY**

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STATE OF UTAH

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17 **LONG TITLE**

18 **General Description:**

19 This resolution supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural
20 areas of the state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system and supports the
21 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states.

22 **Highlighted Provisions:**

23 This resolution:



- 24 ▶ acknowledges the important role of rural communities in the development of energy
- 25 resources;
- 26 ▶ recognizes the economic and supply benefits that wind, solar, and geothermal
- 27 energy development provide;
- 28 ▶ recognizes the energy market opportunities available to those states that develop
- 29 wind, solar, and geothermal energy;
- 30 ▶ supports the development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy in rural areas of the
- 31 state as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system; and
- 32 ▶ supports the export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other
- 33 states.

34 **Special Clauses:**

35 None

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

38 WHEREAS, Utah's rural communities have long produced much of the energy

39 necessary to drive Utah's economy;

40 WHEREAS, some of these rural communities have not always enjoyed the prosperity

41 that has come with Utah's tremendous economic growth in recent decades;

42 WHEREAS, many of these rural communities are rich with the natural resources,

43 including wind, sun, and geothermal resources, necessary to provide energy for Utah and the

44 nation;

45 WHEREAS, competitive energy markets in western states are providing new

46 opportunities for the sale of energy across state lines;

47 WHEREAS, Utah's natural salt dome geologic formations provide complementary

48 cost-effective storage potential for wind, solar, and geothermal development, as well as their

49 own economic development opportunities;

50 WHEREAS, many western states are responding to this energy opportunity by

51 harnessing wind, solar, and geothermal power, thus providing economic benefits for rural

52 communities and energy supplies to customers within and outside their states; and

53 WHEREAS, Utah has an opportunity to maintain its position as a net exporter of energy

54 and a leader in energy production and innovation in the region:

55 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
56 Governor concurring therein, supports rural development of wind, solar, and geothermal energy
57 resources within Utah as a complement to Utah's diversified energy system, so that Utah's rural
58 communities can take an active part in and receive the benefits of Utah's economic
59 development.

59a **H→ BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support**
59b **wind, solar, and geothermal energy development on lands managed by the Bureau of Land**
59c **Management and the Forest Service, which lands constitute the majority of lands in rural**
59d **Utah, and ask those agencies to actively support wind, solar, and geothermal energy**
59e **development, including transmission line approvals.**

59f **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor oppose any**
59g **federal land designation -- including Antiquities Act designations, ACEC designations, and**
59h **resource management plan designations, among other designations -- in rural Utah that would**
59i **prohibit wind, solar, and geothermal energy development on federally managed land in the**
59j **state.** ←H

60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor support the
61 export of Utah-produced wind, solar, and geothermal energy to other states in the West through
62 participation in centralized and bilateral energy markets.