

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION APPROVING THE STATEWIDE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

2018 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Keven J. Stratton

Senate Sponsor: _____

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution approves the statewide resource management plan.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

▶ expresses appreciation and gratitude for the collaboration between the state and local government entities that contributed to the statewide resource management plan; and

▶ approves the "State of Utah Resource Management Plan" as the statewide resource management plan.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, during the 2015 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 323, Resource Management Planning by Local Governments, which required counties to develop a resource management plan to provide for the protection, conservation, development, and managed use of resources that are critical to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the county and state;

WHEREAS, during the 2016 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 219,



28 Resource Management Planning, which built upon H.B. 323 and required that:

29 • the Public Lands Policy Coordinating Office (PLPCO) create a statewide resource
30 management plan that coordinates and is consistent with the county resource management
31 plans;

32 • PLPCO submit a copy of the statewide resource management plan for review to the
33 Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands; and

34 • the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands prepare a concurrent resolution
35 approving the statewide resource management plan for consideration during the 2018 General
36 Session;

37 WHEREAS, many individuals and entities collaborated and made significant
38 contributions to the county and state resource management plans, including the Public Lands
39 Policy Coordinating Office's staff, the Utah Association of Counties, each of Utah's
40 Associations of Governments, the Office of Tourism, the Division of Air Quality, the Utah
41 Geological Survey, the Division of Water Rights, the Division of Water Quality, the Division
42 of Water Resources, the Office of Outdoor Recreation, the Division of Wildlife Resources, the
43 Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, the
44 Department of Agriculture and Food, the Governor's Office of Energy Development, and the
45 Governor's Office of Economic Development;

46 WHEREAS, the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board provided grants to Utah's
47 Associations of Governments to conduct critical research and create databases that the counties
48 used to develop their plans;

49 WHEREAS, each of the state's 29 counties completed and adopted their respective
50 county resource management plan, and presented their plan to the Commission for the
51 Stewardship of Public Lands;

51a **Ĥ→ WHEREAS, federal laws including the National Environmental Policy Act and the**
51b **Federal Land Policy and Management Act require that federal agencies, to the extent allowed**
51c **by law, follow state and local resource management plans;**

51d **WHEREAS, federal regulations provide that, when state and local government**
51e **policies, plans, and programs differ, those of higher authority within the state will normally be**
51f **followed; ←Ĥ**

52 WHEREAS, PLPCO completed and submitted the "State of Utah Resource
53 Management Plan" to the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands; and

54 WHEREAS, after review, the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands
55 recommends that the Legislature approve the "State of Utah Resource Management Plan" as
56 the statewide resource management plan in accordance with Utah Code Subsection
57 [63J-4-607\(6\)](#);

58 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the

59 Governor concurring therein, approves the "State of Utah Resource Management Plan" as the
60 statewide resource management plan.

61 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor express sincere
62 appreciation and gratitude for the collaborative efforts and synergy between the state and local
63 government entities that contributed to the statewide resource management plan.

64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the
65 secretary and bureau directors of the United States Department of the Interior, the secretary and
66 agency directors of the United States Department of Agriculture, and members of Utah's
67 congressional delegation.

Legislative Review Note
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