

1 **Joint Resolution Regarding State Prisoner**
2 **Placement in Iron County Correctional Facility**

3 2025 GENERAL SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Carl R. Albrecht**

6 **LONG TITLE**

7 **General Description:**

8 This resolution supports contracting for beds for state inmates at the Iron County
9 correctional facility.

10 **Highlighted Provisions:**

11 This resolution:

12 ▶ supports jail expansion as beneficial to both the state and the counties through a contract
13 with the Department of Corrections; and

14 ▶ approves contracting for additional beds dedicated to housing state inmates in Iron
15 County.

16 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

17 None

18 **Other Special Clauses:**

19 None

20 *Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

21 WHEREAS, counties in Utah contract with the Department of Corrections to provide
22 prison bed space for state prisoners;

23 WHEREAS, this contracting arrangement has proved beneficial to both the state and the
24 counties by saving taxpayers from the burden of building new state correctional facilities
25 while, at the same time, assisting counties to meet their own correctional space needs;

26 WHEREAS, in accordance with Utah Code Subsection 64-13e-103(6), the Department of
27 Corrections may not enter into a contract with a county to house state inmates unless the
28 Legislature has previously passed a joint resolution that includes the approximate number of
29 beds to be contracted, the approximate amount of a county's long-term debt, and the repayment
30 time of the debt for the facility where inmates are to be housed;

 WHEREAS, the Department of Corrections is authorized to contract for 165 beds in
addition to the current 35 beds in Iron County;

31 WHEREAS, the correctional facility that will house the inmates in Iron County has
32 \$87,500,000 in facility debt, and the repayment time for the debt for the facility is a 40-year
33 period starting in 2024;

34 WHEREAS, Iron County will have sufficient facilities and beds to accommodate additional
35 state inmates and has met the requirements of Utah Code Subsection 64-13e-103(6); and

36 WHEREAS, contracting with the Department of Corrections for additional jail bed space
37 would assist the state in addressing projected bed space and treatment needs:

38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah approves
39 contracting for beds in the correctional facility located in Iron County in the amount specified
40 in this resolution.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Iron County
42 Commission and the Department of Corrections.