

**JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SERVICES FOR  
VETERANS**

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Jefferson S. Burton**

Senate Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution encourages the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to submit a grant application for replacement and expansion of the Salt Lake Veterans Home.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- ▶ honors all who have served in the United States Armed Forces;
- ▶ recognizes that the William E. Christofferson Salt Lake Veterans Home is in need of an update in design and expansion; and
- ▶ encourages and supports the submission of a grant application to the State Veterans Home Construction Grant Program.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, Utah honors and is proud of all who have worn the uniform of our great nation while serving in the United States Armed Forces;

WHEREAS, Utah is home to almost 150,000 military veterans;

WHEREAS, there are four state-owned Veterans Homes in Utah under the oversight of



28 the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs providing skilled-nursing services to  
29 over 400 residents;

30 WHEREAS, the oldest of those homes is the William E. Christofferson Veterans Home  
31 in Salt Lake City and is in need of an update in design and expansion to meet the changing  
32 standard of care and increase in demand;

33 WHEREAS, the current William E. Christofferson Salt Lake Veterans Home is not able  
34 to be upgraded and expanded at its current location;

35 WHEREAS, the Legislature has supported and encouraged the construction of Veterans  
36 Homes in the past;

37 WHEREAS, the United State Department of Veterans Affairs participates with states in  
38 the construction of state-owned veterans homes through the VA State Veterans Home  
39 Construction Grant Program:

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
41 supports the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs in applying for a grant to assist  
42 in the construction of a new Veterans Home in Salt Lake City.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages the  
44 Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to submit a grant application to the United  
45 States Department of Veterans and Affairs for participation in the State Veterans Home  
46 Construction Grant Program for replacement and expansion of the Salt Lake Veterans Home.