

1 **SENATE RESOLUTION ON CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN**
2 **PUBLIC EDUCATION**

3 2021 FIRST SENATE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

4 STATE OF UTAH

5 **Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This resolution makes recommendations to the Utah State Board of Education
10 regarding critical race theory.

11 **Highlighted Provisions:**

12 This resolution:
13 ▶ recognizes the importance of appropriate education on history, civil rights, and
14 racism;
15 ▶ identifies risks of critical race theory in public education; and
16 ▶ makes recommendations to the Utah State Board of Education regarding the
17 prohibition of certain concepts.

18 **Special Clauses:**

19 None

21 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the state of Utah:*

22 WHEREAS, educating students in Utah's public education system on history, civil
23 rights, racism, and the negative impacts racism has had throughout history is necessary and
24 should be done in a thoughtful, historically accurate, and appropriate manner;

25 WHEREAS, some concepts contained in critical race theory degrade important societal
26 values and, if introduced in classrooms, would harm students' learning in the public education
27 system;

28 WHEREAS, the Utah State Board of Education has the statutory responsibility to
29 establish rules and minimum standards for the public schools, including curriculum and

30 instruction requirements:

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate strongly recommends that
32 the Utah State Board of Education review standards for curriculum and ensure that the
33 following concepts are not included in the curriculum standards:

- 34 ▶ that one race is inherently superior or inferior to another race;
- 35 ▶ that an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment
36 because of the individual's race; or
- 37 ▶ that an individual's moral character is determined by the individual's race.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate strongly recommends that no training or
39 training material that the Utah State Board of Education or a local education agency provides
40 include the concepts described in the preceding paragraph.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Utah State Board of Education report back to
42 the Education Interim Committee regarding the board's progress related to this resolution.