

**JOINT RESOLUTION REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OR  
DEMOLITION MATERIAL**

2020 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Luz Escamilla**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This joint resolution requests the development of recommendations for ordinances related to construction or demolition material.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ acknowledges the disposal of construction or demolition material;
- ▶ acknowledges that local ordinances could increase diversion rates;
- ▶ requests the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties make recommendations as to local ordinances addressing diversion rates and reuse of construction or demolition materials;
- ▶ encourages that the recommendations as to local ordinances be reasonable; and
- ▶ requests that the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties report.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

WHEREAS, "construction or demolition material" includes building materials, packaging, and rubble resulting from construction, demolition, remodeling, and repair of



pavements, houses, commercial buildings, and other structures, and from road building and land clearing that may be recycled or converted to scrap that is processed material for use in new products;

WHEREAS, "diversion rate" means the percentage of construction or demolition material diverted from disposal through methods including waste prevention, recycling, or reuse;

WHEREAS, construction activities in the state generate construction or demolition material that is currently being disposed;

WHEREAS, counties or municipalities can by ordinance increase the diversion rate for construction or demolition material; and

WHEREAS, counties or municipalities are more likely to adopt ordinances to increase the diversion rate for construction or demolition material if there are recommendations for how these ordinances would work:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah requests that the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties work with stakeholders and make recommendations by December 31, 2020, for one or more ordinances that a county or municipality may adopt or modify to require:

(1) a range of diversion rates of construction or demolition materials from 50% to 75% as determined by the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties; and

(2) a percentage of reuse of construction or demolition materials of 10%.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages that the recommendations for one or more ordinances under this resolution be reasonable and take into account issues such as the availability in a geographic area of services for recycling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties report their efforts under this resolution to the Business and Labor Interim Committee by no later than the November 2020 interim meeting of the Business and Labor Interim Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be provided to the Utah League of Cities and Towns and the Utah Association of Counties.