

Senator Mark B. Madsen proposes the following substitute bill:

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE UTAH
EDUCATION EXCELLENCE COMMISSION**

2013 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jerry W. Stevenson

House Sponsor: Bradley G. Last

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This concurrent resolution of the Legislature and the Governor expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020;
- expresses the Legislature's determination to work with the Governor and Utah's education stakeholders to achieve the 66% goal through increased innovation and investment, and utilizing the PACE metrics as a measure of success; and
- urges all Utahns to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

Special Clauses:

None

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

WHEREAS, education is a key pillar that supports Utah's success, well-being, and



prosperity;

WHEREAS, K-12 public education can help families provide a foundation in social interaction, citizenship, knowledge, understanding, and basic life skills, including reading, math, science, and history;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah must have 90% of students at proficiency in reading by the end of the third grade;

WHEREAS, higher education provides opportunities for employment, service, leadership, and personal enrichment;

WHEREAS, it is well documented that individuals with higher levels of education enjoy greater health and are more engaged in civic life;

WHEREAS, for Utah's residents to succeed, K-12 and higher education in the state must achieve a new level of innovation, excellence, and accountability;

WHEREAS, K-12 public and higher education in Utah must be strengthened and empowered to increase the educational attainment of all Utahns;

WHEREAS, higher education in Utah provides opportunities for individuals to enhance their quality of life and economic success;

WHEREAS, the opportunity to enhance quality of life and economic success should be available to all Utahns;

WHEREAS, by 2020, 66% of all jobs in Utah will require postsecondary education;

WHEREAS, adults with a postsecondary certificate, an associate's, or bachelor's degree earn 20% to 80% more than those without a degree;

WHEREAS, college graduates earn an average of \$650,000 more over their lifetimes than high school graduates;

WHEREAS, 43% of adults in Utah currently hold a higher education degree or postsecondary certificate;

WHEREAS, the Governor, the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, the Utah School Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of Elementary School Principals, the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah Education Association, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020 have adopted

a goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor and each of these groups have endorsed the PACE metrics that focus on Preparation, Access, Completion, and Economic Success for all of Utah's students:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein, expresses strong support for achieving the goal that 66% of Utah's adults will hold a postsecondary degree or certificate by the year 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor, working together with the State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, the Utah School Superintendents Association, the Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education Excellence Commission, the Utah Association of Elementary School Principals, the Utah Association of Secondary School Principals, the Utah Education Association, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, and Prosperity 2020, express their determination to achieve the 66% goal through increased innovation, investment and accountability and utilizing the PACE metrics as a measure of success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor urge all Utahns to unite behind efforts to achieve the 66% goal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah State Board of Regents, the Utah System of Higher Education, the Utah State Board of Education, the Utah College of Applied Technology Board of Trustees, Utah School Superintendents Association, Utah School Boards Association, the Governor's Education Excellence Commission, Elementary and Secondary School Principal's Associations, the Utah Education Association, the Utah Parent Teacher's Association, and Prosperity 2020.