

1                   **JOINT RESOLUTION CONCERNING RAILROAD AND**  
2                                   **RAILROAD CROSSING SAFETY**

3                                   2013 GENERAL SESSION

4                                   STATE OF UTAH

5                                   **Chief Sponsor: Karen Mayne**

6                                   House Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

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8 **LONG TITLE**

9 **General Description:**

10                   This joint resolution of the Legislature encourages the Utah Driver License Division to  
11 include testing and education on safe motor vehicle operation in and around rail lines  
12 and railroad grade crossings when issuing licenses to operate motor vehicles.

13 **Highlighted Provisions:**

14                   This resolution:

- 15                   ▶ encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include testing on safe motor  
16 vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings when issuing  
17 licenses to operate motor vehicles;
- 18                   ▶ encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include safe vehicular driver  
19 behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad grade crossing safety as a  
20 component in driver education;
- 21                   ▶ encourages the Driver License Division to prepare materials designed to educate  
22 new and current operators of motor vehicles in Utah on safe vehicle operation in  
23 and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings; and
- 24                   ▶ encourages operators of motor vehicles to increase safety by modifying their  
25 behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad property.

26 **Special Clauses:**

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

WHEREAS, the increase in both freight train and commuter train traffic through the existing and new rail corridors along the Wasatch Front has resulted in higher numbers of motor vehicle and train incidents;

WHEREAS, nearly all motor vehicle and train collisions are avoidable;

WHEREAS, currently, the Driver License Division prepares education materials and testing to assure that individuals seeking a license to operate a motor vehicle understand the laws and rules governing the safe operation of a motor vehicle;

WHEREAS, testing on the safe operation of a motor vehicle in proximity to rail lines and rail grade crossings may result in fewer motor vehicle and train collisions; and

WHEREAS, utilizing education materials on the safe operation of a motor vehicle in proximity to rail lines and rail grade crossings will help increase awareness among new and current operators of motor vehicles in Utah on this important issue:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include testing on safe motor vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings when issuing licenses to operate motor vehicles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Utah Driver License Division to include safe vehicular driver behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad grade crossing safety as a component in driver education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages the Driver License Division to prepare materials designed to educate new and current operators of motor vehicles in Utah on safe vehicle operation in and around rail lines and railroad grade crossings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature encourages operators of motor vehicles to modify their behavior around railroad grade crossings and railroad property to increase safety.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah Driver License Division.

**Legislative Review Note**  
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