

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

2021 FIRST SENATE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

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

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the importance of appropriate education on history, civil rights, and racism;
- ▶ identifies risks of critical race theory in public education; and
- ▶ makes recommendations to the Utah State Board of Education regarding the prohibition of certain concepts.

**Special Clauses:**

None

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

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

WHEREAS, some concepts contained in critical race theory degrade important societal values and, if introduced in classrooms, would harm students' learning in the public education 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 no  
33 curriculum or instructional materials in the state include the following concepts:

- 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 this resolution.

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.