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Mr. Speaker:

The Economic Development and Workforce Services Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **S.J.R. 8**, JOINT RESOLUTION TO INITIATE A LAW SCHOOL AT UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY, by Senator B. Brammer, with the following amendments, and, due to fiscal impact, recommends it be referred to the Rules Committee for prioritization.

Amendment 1

1 Line 48 through 54:

48 Bar Association accreditation;

49 WHEREAS, collaboration with the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Utah System
50 of Higher Education would ensure alignment with statewide higher education priorities; and

51 WHEREAS, a comprehensive feasibility study would provide the Legislature **and the Utah**
Board of Higher Education with

52 information necessary to evaluate this proposal:

53 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah directs

54 Utah Valley University, in consultation with the Utah Board of Higher Education, to conduct
a

2 Line 80 through 85:

80 expense categories;

81 (11) capital investment requirements and potential funding sources;

82 (12) timelines for program development, accreditation process, and student enrollment;

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(13) efficiencies, benefits, and viability of a Law school at Utah Valley University or at another institution or as a shared school with multiple universities within the Utah System of Higher Education; and

83 {~~(13)~~} **(14)** any other considerations necessary for legislative evaluation of this proposal.

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Utah Valley University shall submit a written

85 report of findings and recommendations to the Education Interim Committee and the

3 *Line 86 through 89:*

86 Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee no later than November 30, 2026.

87 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study shall consider how a law

88 school at Utah Valley University would complement existing legal education in Utah

89 and serve populations not currently reached by traditional law school programs { } **BE**

IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Utah Valley University shall pay all costs related to the feasibility study using only funds the Legislature appropriates from non-tax based funds.

Respectfully,

Jon Hawkins
Chair

Voting: 6-0-4

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