

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—ASSEMBLYMEN VON TOBEL, COLLINS, LEE, THOMAS, MORTENSON, TIFFANY, WILLIAMS, ARBERRY, BERMAN, NEIGHBORS, SEGERBLOM, CEGAVSKE, MARVEL, GIBBONS, GUSTAVSON, ANGLE, MCCLAIN, KOIVISTO, FREEMAN, ANDERSON, CLABORN, NOLAN, DE BRAGA, CHOWNING, HUMKE AND GIUNCHIGLIANI

MARCH 12, 1999

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR PORTER

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, and Ethics

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study on funding for maintenance of state parks. (BDR R-1558)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study on funding for the maintenance of state parks.

- 1 WHEREAS, NRS 407.013 directs the Division of State Parks of the State
- 2 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to “acquire, protect,
- 3 develop and interpret a well-balanced system of areas of outstanding
- 4 scenic, recreational, scientific and historical importance for the inspiration,
- 5 use and enjoyment of the people of the State of Nevada” and provides that
- 6 such areas must be “held in trust as irreplaceable portions of Nevada’s
- 7 natural and historical heritage”; and
- 8 WHEREAS, State parks are recognized nationally as playing a vital role
- 9 in attracting tourists, supporting local economies, fostering environmental
- 10 stewardship and historic preservation and enhancing the quality of life for
- 11 residents and visitors; and
- 12 WHEREAS, The Nevada state park system hosts nearly 3 million visitors
- 13 annually at its 24 state parks, placing significant and increasing demands
- 14 on each park’s finite and fragile resources, limited facilities and aging
- 15 infrastructure; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Nevada continues to be the fastest growing state in the union
- 17 with an average annual growth rate of 5.2 percent during the period of

1 1991 to 1997, and is projected to experience an annual population increase
2 of 3.3 percent over the next decade; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
4 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
5 appoint a committee to conduct an interim study on the current funding for
6 the maintenance of state parks and the projected needs of Nevada's state
7 parks; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That the study must include an evaluation of:

9 1. The new demands and expectations on recreational facilities as a
10 result of demographic changes that did not exist when the current facilities
11 were built;

12 2. The evolution of new recreational equipment including jet skis,
13 mountain bikes and off-road vehicles and the impact they have on existing
14 facilities;

15 3. The need for new and expanded facilities to accommodate greater
16 numbers of people, as well as larger and more sophisticated recreational
17 equipment including larger boats that require enlarged boat launching
18 facilities or motor homes that require larger campsites and wider park
19 roads; and

20 4. The proposed unfunded improvements and major maintenance
21 projects for state parks identified by the Division of State Parks of the State
22 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as necessary to
23 adequately serve the visiting public and carry out the declaration of
24 legislative intent set forth in NRS 407.013; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
26 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
27 Assembly appointed to the committee and a majority of the members of
28 the Senate appointed to the committee; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of the
30 results of the study and any recommended legislation to the 71st session of
31 the Nevada Legislature.