

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15—Committee on Natural Resources

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging certain state agencies to use labor provided by offenders and volunteers for the construction and maintenance of certain facilities and projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

WHEREAS, The Lake Tahoe Basin exhibits unique environmental and ecological conditions that are irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature is vitally concerned with conserving those unique environmental and ecological conditions; and

WHEREAS, The construction and maintenance of facilities and projects necessary for the conservation of those unique environmental and ecological conditions will be highly labor-intensive; and

WHEREAS, Public and private entities, including, without limitation, the Division of State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the League to Save Lake Tahoe, have successfully used labor provided by volunteers to carry out activities relating to conservation in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS, Some state agencies that perform activities relating to conservation in the Lake Tahoe Basin, including, without limitation, the Department of Transportation and the Divisions of Forestry, State Lands and State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, have successfully used labor provided by offenders to construct and maintain facilities and projects to carry out those activities; and

WHEREAS, The use of labor provided by offenders and volunteers to construct and maintain facilities and projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin is a method by which state agencies may carry out activities relating to conservation within their budgets; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has enacted laws authorizing the employment of offenders, including, without limitation, provisions requiring the Director of the Department of Prisons to contract with governmental agencies for the employment of offenders; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Prisons and the Division of Forestry have entered into a cooperative agreement that allows offenders housed in conservation camps to perform labor related to the conservation of the natural environment; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge state agencies that perform activities relating to conservation in the Lake Tahoe Basin to use, to the greatest extent practicable, labor provided by offenders and volunteers to construct and maintain facilities and projects to carry out those activities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge the Division of Forestry to, where practicable, provide crews composed of offenders to be dedicated exclusively to working on the construction and maintenance of facilities and projects to

carry out the conservation of the unique environmental and ecological conditions exhibited in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any such use of labor provided by offenders to construct and maintain facilities and projects for the conservation of the unique environmental and ecological conditions exhibited in the Lake Tahoe Basin must have an insignificant effect on the number of jobs available to the residents of this state as required by NRS 209.461 for programs for the employment of offenders; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the governing body of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the executive head of the Divisions of Forestry, State Lands and State Parks of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Director and the Board of Directors of the Department of Transportation, the Director of the Department of Prisons and the Chief of the Budget Division of the Department of Administration.

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