

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—SENATOR TITUS

MARCH 15, 1999

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of causes and possible solutions to air pollution in Clark County. (BDR R-1476)

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to  
conduct an interim study of the causes and possible solutions to air pollution in Clark County.

- 1 WHEREAS, Rapid population growth and an increase in tourism have
- 2 inundated the Las Vegas Valley in recent years; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Valley has been declared a serious
- 4 nonattainment area for dust particle and carbon monoxide pollution by the
- 5 Environmental Protection Agency; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Clark County is currently under restriction by the
- 7 Environmental Protection Agency that excessive levels of carbon
- 8 monoxide must not be detected on more than 1 day for each of the next 2
- 9 years or sanctions such as loss of federal highway money and federally
- 10 mandated car pooling and restrictions on growth may be imposed; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide levels are considered “unhealthy” when
- 12 they reach 100 parts per million on the pollution index and “excessive”
- 13 when they reach 113 parts or more per million; and
- 14 WHEREAS, Clark County exceeded the “unhealthy” standard three times
- 15 in 1998, with two of those times exceeding the 113-level mark; and
- 16 WHEREAS, Carbon monoxide at unhealthy levels robs the body of
- 17 oxygen, causing fatigue and headaches, and more serious symptoms for
- 18 people with respiratory problems; now, therefore, be it
- 19 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
- 20 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
- 21 appoint an interim committee, composed of members of the Assembly and
- 22 members of the Senate, to conduct an interim study concerning the causes
- 23 and possible solutions to the problem of air pollution in Clark County; and
- 24 be it further

1     RESOLVED, That the study include, without limitation, an examination,  
2 review and evaluation of:  
3     1.   The types and rates of success of programs used in other states or  
4 counties to combat air pollution;  
5     2.   The regulations of this state and other states that are designed to  
6 combat the problem of air pollution;  
7     3.   Viable means of reducing carbon monoxide levels, including,  
8 without limitation, stricter smog checks, annual smog checks on diesel  
9 trucks and buses, and the use of 3.5 percent oxygenated fuel either during  
10 the winter or year-round; and  
11     4.   The feasibility of implementing such programs; and be it further  
12     RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the  
13 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the  
14 Assembly appointed to the committee and a majority of the members of  
15 the Senate appointed to the committee; and be it further  
16     RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission submit a report of the  
17 results of the study and any recommended legislation to the 71st session of  
18 the Nevada Legislature.

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