

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON  
NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF PUBLIC LANDS SUBCOMMITTEE TO STUDY  
DOMESTIC AND MUNICIPAL WATER WELLS)

FEBRUARY 15, 2001

Referred to Committee on Legislative Affairs and Operations

SUMMARY—Directs Legislative Commission to conduct interim study of quality and quantity of ground water within State of Nevada. (BDR R-310)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study concerning the quality and quantity of ground water within the State of Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, Nevada is located in an arid region where water is often in
- 2 short supply; and
- 3 WHEREAS, A large quantity of the water of this state is in the form of
- 4 ground water; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Many populated areas of this state rely upon domestic and
- 6 municipal wells for their supplies of water; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Many populated areas of this state also rely upon septic
- 8 tanks for the disposal of wastewater; and
- 9 WHEREAS, There are many areas within this state where the quantity of
- 10 water is not as grave a problem as the availability of water that is suitable
- 11 for public consumption; and
- 12 WHEREAS, A thorough examination of the laws and policies of this state
- 13 governing the use of ground water is vital to the continued prosperity and
- 14 public health of this state; now, therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
- 16 CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to
- 17 conduct an interim study of the quality and quantity of ground water in this
- 18 state; and be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall appoint a
- 20 subcommittee, the members of which are representative of various
- 21 geographical areas of the state, consisting of:
- 22 1. Three members of the Senate Standing Committee on Natural
- 23 Resources; and



1     2. Three members of the Assembly Standing Committee on Natural  
2 Resources; and be it further  
3     RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation, an  
4 examination of:  
5     1. Whether there are sufficient controls in place to protect the quality  
6 of ground water, especially with respect to septic tanks;  
7     2. The availability and adequacy of data concerning the quality of  
8 ground water;  
9     3. The manner in which laws governing the division of land, including,  
10 without limitation, chapter 278 of NRS, affect the quality and quantity of  
11 ground water; and be it further  
12     RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall designate a chairman  
13 of the subcommittee from among the members of the Senate appointed to  
14 the subcommittee; and be it further  
15     RESOLVED, That the subcommittee shall meet at least six times during  
16 the interim and consult with an advisory committee consisting of eight  
17 members who are representative of various geographical areas of the state  
18 and are appointed by the subcommittee as follows:  
19     1. A member who represents the Division of Water Resources of the  
20 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;  
21     2. A member who represents the Division of Environmental Protection  
22 of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources;  
23     3. A member who represents the Health Division of the Department of  
24 Human Resources;  
25     4. A member who represents the office of a county manager;  
26     5. A member who represents a county whose population is less than  
27 100,000 or the planning commission of such a county;  
28     6. A member who represents a county whose population is 100,000 or  
29 more or the regional planning commission of such a county;  
30     7. A member who represents residential well owners; and  
31     8. A member who represents residential housing developments that are  
32 typically served by domestic wells and septic tanks; and be it further  
33     RESOLVED, That the members of the advisory committee serve without  
34 compensation, per diem allowance, travel expenses or other  
35 reimbursement; and be it further  
36     RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the  
37 subcommittee must be approved by a majority of the members of the  
38 Senate and a majority of the members of the Assembly appointed to the  
39 subcommittee; and be it further  
40     RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a report of  
41 the results of the study and any recommendations for legislation to the  
42 72nd session of the Nevada Legislature.

