

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 51—Senator Rawson

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encouraging the use of systems to suppress fires in the engine compartments of school buses.

WHEREAS, Each year school buses throughout the country experience fire in their engine compartments that are serious enough to require assistance from fire departments; and

WHEREAS, A fire in the engine compartment of a school bus can spread rapidly and may result in injury or loss of life, equipment damage, personal injury liability, vehicle downtime for repairs or loss of the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Many of the school buses in use in this state and in the country are used to transport students with physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Time may not be available for the complete evaluation of the safety of such school buses; and

WHEREAS, The technology exists for the installation of a clean agent vehicle thermatic fire extinguisher system in the engine compartment of school buses; and

WHEREAS, Such systems can suppress dangerous fires within seconds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature urges the Nevada Department of Education and the State Board of Education to encourage school districts in this state to specify that such systems be included in the specifications for all purchases of new school buses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Department of Education and the State Board of Education are urged to encourage school districts to install such systems in existing school buses that transport disabled students, to the extent financial resources are available; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Department of Education for transmittal to the State Board of Education and to all school districts in this state.