

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12—COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
(ON BEHALF OF AIR QUALITY PROGRAMS IN CLARK COUNTY)

MARCH 26, 2001

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to require Bureau of Land Management of United States Department of the Interior and United States Environmental Protection Agency to take certain actions to prevent and reduce air pollution. (BDR R-792)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to require the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the Interior and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to take certain actions to prevent and reduce air pollution.

- 1 WHEREAS, The federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7401 et seq., was
- 2 enacted by Congress to protect and enhance the quality of the nation's air,
- 3 to initiate and accelerate a national research and development program to
- 4 achieve the prevention and control of air pollution, to provide technical and
- 5 financial assistance to states and local governments in connection with the
- 6 development and execution of their programs to prevent and control air
- 7 pollution and to encourage and assist the development and operation of
- 8 regional programs to prevent and control air pollution; and
- 9 WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act provides that each state has primary
- 10 responsibility for assuring air quality within the state and requires states to
- 11 create state implementation plans under certain circumstances to prevent
- 12 and reduce air pollution; and
- 13 WHEREAS, The Clean Air Act requires the United States Environmental
- 14 Protection Agency to establish standards for air pollution, review and
- 15 approve state implementation plans and monitor state compliance with the
- 16 standards for air pollution; and
- 17 WHEREAS, The United States Environmental Protection Agency has
- 18 found certain areas of this state to be in noncompliance with federal
- 19 standards for certain air pollutants; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Approximately 80 percent of the land in the State of Nevada
- 21 is owned by the Federal Government, and a significant amount of air



1 pollution in this state, specifically particulate matter, originates from that
2 land; and

3 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management of the United States
4 Department of the Interior, which manages a large portion of the land
5 owned by the Federal Government, is required to comply with state
6 implementation plans and the laws of local governments relating to the
7 control and reduction of air pollution; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
9 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to
10 require the Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department
11 of the Interior and the United States Environmental Protection Agency to:

12 1. Work together to control and reduce air pollution that originates on
13 land managed by the Bureau of Land Management and to ensure that the
14 Bureau of Land Management is in compliance with all state and local laws
15 and regulations that carry out the control measures adopted in the various
16 air quality plans in this state; and

17 2. Assist the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
18 and the local governments of this state in developing:

19 (a) Short- and long-term plans to control and reduce air pollution in this
20 state;

21 (b) Educational programs relating to the control and reduction of air
22 pollution in this state; and

23 (c) Regulations, state implementation plans and control measures that
24 will help control and reduce air pollution in this state; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to
26 require the Bureau of Land Management to identify clearly in
27 environmental impact statements the effects on air quality that are likely to
28 result from the sale of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management
29 in this state before selling the land; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
31 of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as presiding
32 officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each
33 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the Director of the
34 Bureau of Land Management of the United States Department of the
35 Interior and the Administrator of the United States Environmental
36 Protection Agency; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

