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

MARCH 26, 2001

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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.

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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:

13 (a) Control and reduce air pollution which originates on land managed  
14 by the Bureau of Land Management and which contributes to the air  
15 pollution in the areas of this state that are in noncompliance with federal  
16 standards for air pollutants; and

17 (b) Ensure that the Bureau of Land Management is in compliance with  
18 all state and local laws and regulations that carry out the control measures  
19 adopted in the various air quality plans in this state; and

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

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

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

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

28 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges Congress to  
29 require the Bureau of Land Management, before selling land which is  
30 managed by the Bureau of Land Management and which contributes to or  
31 may contribute to air pollution in an area of this state that is in  
32 noncompliance with federal standards for air pollutants, to identify clearly  
33 in environmental impact statements the effects on air quality that are likely  
34 to result from the sale of such land; and be it further

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

42 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

