

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 11—COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS)

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Encourages certain activities relating to the use of biomass in the production of energy in Nevada.
(BDR R-402)

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—Encouraging the use of biomass in the production of energy in Nevada and encouraging certain activities relating to that production.

1 WHEREAS, “Biomass” is the term used to describe organic
2 matter that is available on a renewable basis, including, but not
3 limited to, agricultural crops and agricultural wastes, wood and
4 wood residues, animal wastes, municipal wastes and various aquatic
5 plants; and

6 WHEREAS, Unlike petroleum, biomass is a resource that is
7 renewable and is generally readily available at the location where it
8 is used to produce renewable energy, thereby reducing the costs of
9 distributing the biomass; and

10 WHEREAS, Although the production and use of renewable
11 energy is encouraged in Nevada, and biomass is included in the
12 incentives provided for the production and use of renewable energy,
13 the availability and benefits of using biomass itself should be
14 accentuated and brought to the attention of the members of the
15 general public; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
17 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature hereby urges
18 Congress to make biomass eligible for production tax credits at the



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1 same level and in the same manner as wind and geothermal energy;
2 and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That this Legislature encourages the use of biomass
4 in the production of energy in Nevada and therefore urges all
5 Nevadans to consider investing money in the production of energy
6 from biomass and to participate in the establishment throughout the
7 State of Nevada of projects that demonstrate the effectiveness and
8 desirability of using locally obtained biomass in the production of
9 energy and partnerships between private enterprises and federal,
10 state and local governmental entities to create those projects; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
13 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
14 States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the
15 House of Representatives, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary
16 of Agriculture, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the
17 Chief of the United States Forest Service, the Governor of the State
18 of Nevada, the Director of the State Department of Conservation
19 and Natural Resources and each member of the Nevada
20 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
22 passage.

