

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON
ELECTIONS, PROCEDURES, ETHICS, AND CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENTS

FEBRUARY 13, 2009

Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an
interim study of issues relating to women
incarcerated in Nevada. (BDR R-756)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the
Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study of
issues relating to women incarcerated in Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, Incarceration rates for women nationwide have been
2 steadily increasing for the past 25 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Nevada's female prison population has also been
4 steadily increasing and now stands at over 1,000 inmates; and

5 WHEREAS, Nevada's female in-house prison population has
6 been outpacing the male population by over 2 percent per year; and

7 WHEREAS, Women now represent approximately 8 percent of
8 the total prison population in Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, Incarcerated women may face additional challenges
10 not normally associated with the general prison population; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby
14 directed to appoint an interim committee to conduct a study of
15 issues relating to women incarcerated in Nevada; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the committee must consist of:

17 1. Three members from the Assembly, at least one of whom
18 serves on the Assembly Standing Committee on Corrections, Parole,
19 and Probation; and

20 2. Three members from the Senate, at least one of whom serves
21 on the Senate Standing Committee on Judiciary; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That the chairman of the committee may appoint a
2 technical advisory committee to assist the committee in carrying out
3 the study; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the study must include a review of issues
5 relating to women incarcerated in Nevada, including, without
6 limitation:

7 1. The impact on such women, their families and children, and
8 society;

9 2. Education and literacy levels of female inmates;

10 3. Gender bias;

11 4. Drug and alcohol use and any other societal factors;

12 5. Prosecutorial discretion, court procedures and sentencing
13 behaviors towards women in the criminal justice system; and

14 6. Procedures and policies that may have contributed to the
15 high incarceration rate of women in Nevada; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That any recommended legislation proposed by the
17 committee must be approved by a majority of the members of the
18 Assembly and a majority of the members of the Senate appointed to
19 the committee; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit a
21 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
22 legislation to the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

