

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 10—
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Referred to Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics,
and Constitutional Amendments

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior to convey ownership of certain land to the State of Nevada for the development of projects for renewable energy. (BDR R-686)

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.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to enact legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior to convey ownership of certain land to the State of Nevada for the development of projects for renewable energy.

- 1 WHEREAS, Each year, the United States relies heavily upon
2 energy that is produced by using finite resources such as coal,
3 natural gas and petroleum; and
4 WHEREAS, The cost of crude oil imported into the United States
5 from foreign sources has been very unpredictable; and
6 WHEREAS, At its peak, the drastic increase in the cost of oil in
7 2008 created significant turmoil among citizens throughout the
8 United States, many of whom found the cost to be too high to even
9 drive to work; and
10 WHEREAS, That increased cost also had the effect of increasing
11 the price of nearly all other products offered to consumers; and
12 WHEREAS, In 2007, approximately 72 quadrillion British
13 thermal units of energy were produced in the United States; and
14 WHEREAS, Of that amount, approximately 9 percent was
15 produced using renewable resources such as geothermal energy,
16 solar and wind power and biomass; and



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1 WHEREAS, In 2007, approximately 102 quadrillion British
2 thermal units of energy were consumed in the United States, thereby
3 creating an energy deficiency of approximately 30 percent; and

4 WHEREAS, During troubled economic times, it is more
5 important than ever that the United States find stability in the cost of
6 energy and have the opportunity to become the leader in the
7 production of renewable energy; and

8 WHEREAS, Nevada has significant amounts of geothermal, solar
9 and wind resources available for use in the production of renewable
10 sources of energy, including the largest geothermal resources of any
11 state; and

12 WHEREAS, Nevada has made a significant commitment to
13 developing renewable resources by enacting NRS 704.7821, which
14 requires that, by 2015, not less than 20 percent of the electricity sold
15 by providers of electric service to retail customers in Nevada must
16 be generated, acquired or saved using renewable energy systems or
17 energy efficient measures; and

18 WHEREAS, President Obama has recognized the importance of
19 developing sustainable renewable energy resources and the
20 corresponding opportunity to create employment by including
21 funding for states to develop these resources in the American
22 Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

23 WHEREAS, The unemployment rate in Nevada has become one
24 of the highest in the country; and

25 WHEREAS, The development of projects for renewable energy in
26 Nevada would stimulate the economy by providing a stable source
27 of employment and revenue; and

28 WHEREAS, Much of the land in Nevada is managed or
29 controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and may also be
30 suitable for use in the development of projects for renewable energy
31 in Nevada; now, therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
33 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That Congress is hereby urged to enact
34 legislation requiring the Secretary of the Interior:

35 1. After considering any recommendations submitted by each
36 appropriate governmental agency of the State of Nevada, to identify
37 any parcels or other portions of land in Nevada which are managed
38 or controlled by the Bureau of Land Management and which are
39 suitable for the development of projects for renewable energy in
40 Nevada; and

41 2. After identifying those parcels or portions of land, to convey
42 ownership of those parcels or portions of land to the State of Nevada
43 for the development of those projects; and be it further

44 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
45 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United



1 States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the
2 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Secretary of the
3 Interior and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation;
4 and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
6 passage.

