

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Committee on Energy,
Infrastructure and Transportation

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Directing the
Legislative Commission to appoint a committee to conduct
an interim study relating to the production and use of energy
in the State.

WHEREAS, Energy, in terms of electric power production,
heating and transportation, is fundamental to every aspect of
Nevada's economy and competitiveness; and

WHEREAS, Power demands continue to grow as Nevada's
population and business infrastructure grow, and although growth in
the State, along with the nation, has temporarily slowed, historically,
national and local economies rebound robustly from such periods;
and

WHEREAS, Energy projects can stimulate Nevada's economic
growth and have particular application in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, While an estimated \$11 billion per year is spent on
energy and transportation fuel, a great deal of this is spent outside of
this State, and studies estimate that for every such dollar retained
within the State, there is a six-fold multiplier effect in the State's
economy; and

WHEREAS, More efficient utilization of energy frees public and
private funds for use in other areas such as education, infrastructure,
public health and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Energy production and consumption profoundly
affect the environment, including air quality and water supplies, as
well as public health; and

WHEREAS, Nevada Legislators who have extensive energy
experience will begin to term-limit after this Session, so there is a
need to educate additional Legislators before those with the most
expertise are gone; and

WHEREAS, There has not been a legislative energy study since
1997-1998, yet energy technologies, needs and issues have changed
significantly in the last decade; and

WHEREAS, Nevada is poised to build thousands of megawatts of
electrical generation plants which will serve as the backbone of the
State's power sector for decades, and the useful life of such plants is
approximately 40 years, so decisions made now will determine the
course of energy policy for nearly the next half-century; now,
therefore, be it



RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby directed to appoint a committee, composed of three members of the Senate and three members of the Assembly, to conduct an interim study concerning energy production and use in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:

1. A review of the statutes and regulations of this State relating to energy production, use and transmission, energy efficiency, including energy efficiency in public buildings, the use and availability of transportation fuels and facilities, including alternative fuels, and motor vehicle electrification;

2. A review of the extent of biofuel production in Nevada and prospects for increasing production at existing facilities and introducing new types of such fuels, including biodiesel, ethanol from nonfood sources, algae-based fuel and other emerging fuel technologies;

3. A review of existing state energy and energy efficiency programs and their implementation and effectiveness, with periodic progress reports from the agencies and entities charged with implementation of these programs;

4. A review of new energy and energy efficiency programs enacted during the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature and their implementation and effectiveness, with periodic progress reports from the agencies and entities charged with implementation of these new programs;

5. Receipt of continued input from interested parties and the public on ways existing and new programs can be further improved;

6. Solicitation of recommendations for additional new programs for future legislative consideration and potential enactment;

7. A review of existing and emerging green technologies, including smart grid technology, and their suitability for deployment in Nevada, including consideration of obstacles to deployment and methods to eliminate or minimize those obstacles; and

8. A review of efforts to attract more green industries and jobs to Nevada and exploration of ways to expand existing green businesses and jobs in Nevada; and be it further

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



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

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