

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—
ASSEMBLYMAN ANDERSON

MARCH 21, 2011

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Directs the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study on desalination and industrial water resources in this State. (BDR R-730)

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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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1 WHEREAS, The waters of this State are among its most precious
2 and vital resources and play an important part in the economic
3 development of this State; and

4 WHEREAS, The availability of accurate information is the
5 foundation for making prudent decisions concerning water
6 resources; and

7 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is the most arid state in the
8 country and has relatively few supplies of surface water and
9 groundwater, a condition that is periodically exacerbated by drought
10 conditions in the State of Nevada and in the Rocky Mountains,
11 which supply the headwaters of the Colorado River; and

12 WHEREAS, Adequate long-term supplies of water are essential in
13 ensuring stable economic growth and development in the rural and
14 urban areas of this State; and

15 WHEREAS, The process of desalination presents a possibility to
16 turn heretofore nonpotable water resources into water supplies
17 which may be used by the residents of this State; and

18 WHEREAS, The provision of services related to water for
19 industrial use in an efficient manner is critical to the current and
20 future welfare of the residents of this State; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
22 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Legislative Commission is hereby



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1 directed to provide for a study conducted by the staff of the
2 Legislative Counsel Bureau concerning water; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That the study must include, without limitation:

4 1. An examination of the possible implementation of methods
5 of the desalination of water in this State including, without
6 limitation, an analysis of:

7 (a) The costs and benefits of desalinating water in this State;

8 (b) Differing methods of desalination and their respective
9 benefits; and

10 (c) The ways in which desalination is working in other areas of
11 the United States and the world; and

12 2. An evaluation and review of the amount of water used by
13 various industries in this State including, without limitation:

14 (a) The use to which water is put by those industries;

15 (b) The manner in which those industries manage their water
16 resources; and

17 (c) Any allocation of water resources made to those industries;
18 and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That not later than June 30, 2012, the staff of the
20 Legislative Counsel Bureau shall submit a report of the results of its
21 study and any recommendations for legislation to the Legislative
22 Commission; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Legislative Commission shall submit the
24 report of the results of the study and any recommendations for
25 legislation to the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature.

