

Amendment No. 42

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 3 (BDR R-210)

Proposed by: Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: Amend Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

ASSEMBLY ACTION				Initial and Date	SENATE ACTION				Initial and Date
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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) *green bold italic underlining* is new language proposed in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill that is proposed to be retained in this amendment; and (6) *green bold underlining* is newly added transitory language.

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A.J.R. No. 3—Expresses the intent of the Legislature to establish a biomass industry to restore certain ecosystems on public lands.
(BDR R-210)



ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3—COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND MINING(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 20, 2013

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and MiningSUMMARY—Expresses the intent of the Legislature to establish a biomass
industry to restore certain ecosystems on public lands.
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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the intent of the Legislature to
establish a biomass industry to restore certain ecosystems on public
lands.

1 WHEREAS, The Nevada Pinyon-Juniper Partnership estimates that currently
2 ~~one quarter~~ **9 million acres** of Nevada's landscape is pinyon-juniper woodlands,
3 with over 100,000 acres ~~of such forest~~ each year converting to the highest density
4 of pinyon-juniper; and

5 WHEREAS, Such expanding, aging, overgrown pinyon-juniper woodlands
6 adversely affect ~~forest~~ **ecosystem** health with increased disease and insect
7 infestations, negatively impact wildlife diversity by crowding out **herbaceous**
8 **vegetation and** shrubs such as sagebrush, and are highly susceptible to catastrophic
9 fire, which adversely affects watersheds and causes erosion; and

10 WHEREAS, ~~Proactive~~ **Environmentally sound and scientifically based**
11 **proactive** management of ~~overgrown~~ **the expansion and overgrowth of** pinyon-
12 juniper stands may reduce fire suppression and restoration costs, reduce the
13 introduction of invasive species such as cheat grass that are detrimental to the
14 ecosystem, enhance the wildlife habitat for sagebrush obligate species such as
15 greater sage grouse and mule deer, improve watershed health and reduce the risk of
16 catastrophic wildfire by reducing high fuel loads; and

17 WHEREAS, Biomass from pinyon-juniper management may be used for
18 commercial purposes, including the production of renewable energy, ~~it~~ **and wood**
19 **products**, and the promotion of ~~that use~~ **those uses** may strengthen communities
20 by creating rural industries and jobs in counties whose private sector economies are
21 affected by the dominant presence of public lands; and

22 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature recognizes the cultural importance of
23 pinyon-juniper woodlands to Native Americans and the need for thorough

1 consultation with tribal governments when woodland management projects are
2 planned; and

3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature recognizes that pinyon-juniper
4 treatments on public land may be subject to the National Environmental
5 Policy Act of 1969, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 et seq., thereby requiring public input and
6 participation; and

7 WHEREAS, The federal Stewardship End Result Contracting program, most
8 recently authorized by section 323 of Public Law No. 108-7 and set to expire on
9 September 30, 2013, if extended by the United States Congress, may provide a
10 valuable resource by facilitating agreements with private contractors for treatment
11 and management of pinyon-juniper woodlands that would benefit rural
12 communities ~~land forest~~, ecosystem resilience and rangeland health; and

13 WHEREAS, It is the policy of this State to encourage participation with all levels
14 of government and private enterprise in cooperative state, regional and national
15 programs to assure adequate supplies of energy resources and wood products and
16 markets for those energy sources ~~++~~ and wood products; and

17 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature encourages both government and private
18 enterprise to maximize the use of indigenous energy resources and wood products
19 to the extent such use is environmentally sound and competitively and
20 economically feasible; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,
22 That the Nevada Legislature hereby expresses its intent to establish and encourage
23 the creation of a biomass industry in Nevada to expand efforts to manage pinyon-
24 juniper woodlands and restore pinyon-juniper and sagebrush ecosystems at a
25 landscape scale on public lands based on sound scientific principles for the
26 benefit of ecosystem resiliency, economic stability, ~~energy~~ production ~~++~~ of
27 biomass energy and wood products, hydrologic function, rangeland health, ~~land~~
28 wildlife habitat ~~++~~ and reduction of hazardous fuels; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby encourages the Congress of the
30 United States to extend the authority of the Bureau of Land Management of the
31 United States Department of the Interior and the United States Forest Service under
32 section 323 of Public Law No. 108-7 to enter into stewardship contracts or
33 agreements for management and restoration projects on public lands beyond the
34 current expiration date, and to extend the maximum length of those stewardship
35 contracts or agreements to 20 years; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy
37 of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the United States, the Vice
38 President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of
39 the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional
40 Delegation, the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the
41 United States Forest Service; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.