

Amendment No. 43

Assembly Amendment to Assembly Joint Resolution No. 5 (BDR R-208)

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
Adopted	☐	Lost	☐	_____	Adopted	☐	Lost	☐	_____
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Receded	☐	Not	☐	_____	Receded	☐	Not	☐	_____

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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Date: 3/29/2013

A.J.R. No. 5—Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning federal public lands in Nevada. (BDR R-208)



ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—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—Urges Congress to take certain actions concerning federal public
lands in Nevada. (BDR R-208)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 take certain actions
concerning federal public lands in Nevada.1 WHEREAS, The Federal Government manages and controls over 85 percent of
2 the land in Nevada; and3 WHEREAS, Nevada has an abundance of natural resources, including vast areas
4 of land suitable for raising livestock, ~~++~~ *and for conservation and general*
5 *recreational use*, large deposits of gold, silver, copper and other minerals, and
6 plentiful renewable resources, including, without limitation, sun, wind and
7 geothermal resources that may be used to generate electricity; and8 WHEREAS, Many of those renewable resources are located on public lands
9 managed and controlled by the Federal Government; and10 WHEREAS, Activities that occur on those public lands increase the demand for
11 services provided by the State of Nevada and local governments in Nevada; and12 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and local governments in Nevada are limited
13 in their ability to collect taxes or other fees from the Federal Government or from
14 the users of public lands to fund services provided by the State and local
15 governments; and16 WHEREAS, The Federal Government receives revenue from the licensing and
17 permitting of activities that occur on those public lands, including mining, grazing
18 livestock, *general recreational use* and generating electricity from renewable
19 resources; and20 WHEREAS, In recent years, efforts have been made to curtail the practice by the
21 Federal Government of sharing a portion of that revenue with the State of Nevada
22 and local governments, including curtailing the practice of sharing with the counties
23 a portion of the revenue derived from the lease of public lands and royalties from
24 the generation of electricity from geothermal resources; and

1 WHEREAS, Recent legislation introduced in the 111th and 112th United States
2 Congress would have, if enacted, required the Secretary of the Interior to establish a
3 leasing program for wind and solar energy development on federal public lands;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Such legislation would also have required the sharing of a portion
6 of the revenue from the competitive leasing program with the counties from which
7 the revenue is derived, thereby creating a beneficial and meaningful role for
8 counties in Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, The members of the 113th Congress are now considering the budget
10 submitted by the United States Department of the Interior for federal Fiscal Year
11 2014, and its possible effects on the counties' share of royalties derived from the
12 generation of electricity from geothermal resources; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,
14 That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge
15 Congress:

16 1. To ensure that the public lands in Nevada that are managed and controlled
17 by the Federal Government remain open and accessible to multiple uses +, such
18 as raising livestock, mining, conservation, general recreational use and the use
19 of renewable resources, including, without limitation, sun, wind and
20 geothermal resources that may be used to generate electricity; and

21 2. To enact legislation ensuring that the State of Nevada and the affected local
22 governments in Nevada receive a portion of the revenue received by the Federal
23 Government for activities conducted on the federal public lands in Nevada and
24 ensuring that such sharing includes, without limitation, the continuation of federal
25 laws and policies whereby local governments receive appropriate rents and
26 royalties for activities which generate electricity from geothermal resources; and be
27 it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy
29 of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer
30 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each
31 member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.