

Senate Joint Resolution No. 2—Senators  
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Joint Sponsors: Assemblymen Ellison,  
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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to require the sharing of federal receipts from commercial activity on certain public lands with the State of Nevada and its counties.

WHEREAS, The Federal Government manages and controls approximately 87 percent of the land in the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Much of that land is rich in natural resources; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government receives significant income from the sale and lease of those lands and from royalties related to commercial activity on those lands, including, without limitation, mining, farming, grazing and logging; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and its political subdivisions do not generally receive an apportionment of the receipts from this commercial activity within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and its political subdivisions support the cost of much of this commercial activity by providing services and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, Congress has previously recognized the need to share revenues generated on federal lands with affected state and county governments; and

WHEREAS, Through the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law 109-58, 119 Stat. 660, Congress created a provision sharing revenues from geothermal energy generated on federal lands with the states and counties within which the geothermal resources are located; and

WHEREAS, Through House Resolution No. 596, Congress is currently considering similar revenue sharing provisions for the generation of solar and wind power on federal lands; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact legislation to require a portion of federal receipts from all commercial activity on public lands in the State of Nevada to be shared with the State of Nevada and its counties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United



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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

