

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13—
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 27, 2017

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses the support of the Nevada Legislature for certain recommendations relating to the conservation of wildlife in this State. (BDR R-1000)

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.

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1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is home to more than 890
2 species of animals, of which 65 of those species are found only in
3 this State; and

4 WHEREAS, Congress has enacted legislation, commonly referred
5 to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 669-669j, and the
6 Dingell-Johnson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 777-777k, both of which were
7 assented to by this State pursuant to NRS 501.115 and 501.117,
8 respectively, to provide federal aid for the support of conservation,
9 restoration projects and science-based management of game and
10 sport fish financed by hunters, recreational shooters, fishermen and
11 boaters; and

12 WHEREAS, A similarly dedicated and sustainable method of
13 funding is not available for many species of birds, mammals, fish,
14 amphibians and reptiles which are not hunted or fished; and

15 WHEREAS, In 2012, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners
16 approved a Wildlife Action Plan created by the Department of
17 Wildlife; and

18 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Wildlife Action Plan prioritize
19 256 species of wildlife having the greatest need for conservation and
20 22 types of habitat that require prescriptive actions to ensure the



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1 maintenance of those species and types of habitat for current and
2 future generations in this State; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a recognized need to expand funding for the
4 conservation of wildlife in the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's
6 Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources, consisting of 26 members who
7 are leaders in business and conservation, was recently established;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel was required to recommend
10 alternative methods of funding to support fish and wildlife
11 conservation in this State and to ensure the sustainability of all
12 species of fish and wildlife for current and future generations in this
13 State; and

14 WHEREAS, Securing a dedicated source of federal funding for
15 the conservation of wildlife in this State will likely require this State
16 to provide matching funds similar to the matching funds that are
17 currently required under the Pittman-Robertson Act and the Dingell-
18 Johnson Act; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
20 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 79th Session of the
21 Nevada Legislature express their support for the determination of
22 the Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's Diverse Fish and
23 Wildlife Resources to recommend that Congress dedicate \$1.3
24 billion dollars annually in existing revenue obtained from the
25 development of energy and mineral resources on federal lands and
26 waters for programs to diversify the funding for and management of
27 all species of wildlife; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Congressional
29 Delegation are encouraged to support the enactment of federal
30 legislation to carry out the recommendation of the Blue Ribbon
31 Panel; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That support is expressed for the development of
33 policies and enactment of legislation that broaden dedicated
34 methods of funding:

35 1. For the conservation of wildlife in this State;

36 2. For carrying out the Wildlife Action Plan of the Nevada
37 Department of Wildlife; and

38 3. To provide state matching funds if a dedicated method of
39 federal funding is obtained for the conservation of wildlife in this
40 State; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
42 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
43 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
44 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States



1 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada
2 Congressional Delegation; and be it further
3 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
4 passage.

