

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13–  
Committee on Natural Resources

FILE NUMBER.....

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the support of the Nevada Legislature for certain recommendations relating to the conservation of wildlife in this State.

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Wildlife Action Plan prioritize 256 species of wildlife having the greatest need for conservation and 22 types of habitat that require prescriptive actions to ensure the maintenance of those species and types of habitat for current and future generations in this State; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Securing a dedicated source of federal funding for the conservation of wildlife in this State will likely require this State to provide matching funds similar to the matching funds that are



currently required under the Pittman-Robertson Act and the Dingell-Johnson Act; now, therefore, be it

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

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

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

1. For the conservation of wildlife in this State;
2. For carrying out the Wildlife Action Plan of the Nevada Department of Wildlife; and
3. To provide state matching funds if a dedicated method of federal funding is obtained for the conservation of wildlife in this State; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

