

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE
ON LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
FOR THE REVIEW AND OVERSIGHT OF THE
TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY AND
THE MARLETTE LAKE WATER SYSTEM)

MARCH 25, 2019

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses support for the role of science in the Lake Tahoe Basin and recognizes the role of the Tahoe Bi-State Executive Committee and the Tahoe Science Advisory Council in guiding environmental preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement efforts in the Lake Tahoe Basin. (BDR R-438)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for the role of science in preserving the environmental and ecological conditions in the Lake Tahoe Basin and recognizing the role of the Tahoe Bi-State Executive Committee and the Tahoe Science Advisory Council in providing scientific resources to help guide decision making and planning regarding natural resources and implementation of environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Lake Tahoe Basin exhibits unique
2 environmental and ecological conditions that are irreplaceable; and
3 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has recognized that this
4 State has a compelling interest in preserving, protecting, restoring
5 and enhancing the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin;
6 and
7 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has further recognized that
8 the preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the



1 natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin is a matter of such
2 significance that it must be carried out on a continual basis; and

3 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada, in collaboration with the State
4 of California, federal agencies, the local governments of both states
5 and the private sector, has provided continuous investment in the
6 preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the Lake
7 Tahoe Basin through the implementation of projects identified in the
8 Environmental Improvement Program; and

9 WHEREAS, The role of science in guiding decision making is
10 critical to the successful implementation of policies and
11 environmental restoration in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

12 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada, through the State Department
13 of Conservation and Natural Resources, entered into a
14 Memorandum of Understanding with the State of California,
15 through the California Natural Resources Agency, establishing the
16 Tahoe Bi-State Executive Committee to coordinate science and
17 research activities and creating the Tahoe Science Advisory
18 Council; and

19 WHEREAS, The Tahoe Science Advisory Council is comprised
20 of scientific experts from research institutions and public agencies,
21 including the University of Nevada, Reno, and the Desert Research
22 Institute; and

23 WHEREAS, The focus of the Tahoe Science Advisory Council is
24 to provide objective research and scientific analysis that will help
25 support decision makers of both Nevada and California in meeting
26 their obligations to advance attainment of environmental thresholds
27 in the Lake Tahoe Basin and better understand impacts to the
28 ecological health of the Basin; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
30 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 80th Session of
31 the Nevada Legislature do hereby express their support for the
32 critical role of science in guiding environmental preservation,
33 protection, restoration and enhancement efforts in the Lake Tahoe
34 Basin; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the members of the 80th Session of the Nevada
36 Legislature recognize the role of the Tahoe Bi-State Executive
37 Committee and the Tahoe Science Advisory Council in providing
38 the best available science to help guide decision making and
39 planning regarding natural resources and implementation of
40 environmental improvement projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and
41 be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
43 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the
44 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Director of the State
45 Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Secretary of



1 the California Natural Resources Agency, the President of the
2 University of Nevada, Reno, the President of the Desert Research
3 Institute, the Chancellor of the University of California, Davis, and
4 each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
7 passage.

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