

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5—Committee
on Legislative Operations and Elections

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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.

WHEREAS, The Lake Tahoe Basin exhibits unique environmental and ecological conditions that are irreplaceable; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has recognized that this State has a compelling interest in preserving, protecting, restoring and enhancing the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature has further recognized that the preservation, protection, restoration and enhancement of the natural environment of the Lake Tahoe Basin is a matter of such significance that it must be carried out on a continual basis; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Executive Director of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency, the President of the University of Nevada, Reno, the President of the Desert Research Institute, the Chancellor of the University of California, Davis, and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

