

Amendment No. 572

Senate Amendment to Senate Joint Resolution No. 5 (BDR R-480)

Proposed by: Senate Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

Amends: Summary: No Title: No Preamble: Amend Joint Sponsorship: No Digest: No

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EXPLANATION: Matter in (1) *blue bold italics* is new language in the original bill; (2) variations of green bold underlining is language proposed to be added in this amendment; (3) ~~red strikethrough~~ is deleted language in the original bill; (4) ~~purple double strikethrough~~ is language proposed to be deleted in this amendment; (5) orange double underlining is deleted language in the original bill proposed to be retained in this amendment.

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Date: 4/19/2015

S.J.R. No. 5—Expresses support for the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan developed by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council and urges the United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the greater sage-grouse as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973. (BDR R-480)



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5—COMMITTEE ON  
LEGISLATIVE OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

PREFILED JANUARY 30, 2015

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

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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.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan developed by the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council and urging the United States Fish and Wildlife Service not to list the greater sage-grouse as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

WHEREAS, The greater sage-grouse (*Centrocercus urophasianus*) is a species of bird that inhabits much of the sagebrush habitat in Nevada as well as other western states; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service determined that the greater sage-grouse warranted listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq., largely due to what was determined to be a lack of regulatory mechanisms, and a decision on this listing is scheduled for September 2015; and

WHEREAS, The listing of the greater sage-grouse as an endangered or threatened species would have a devastatingly negative impact on Nevada's land development, land use, water use, mining, recreational activities and local economies; and

WHEREAS, In 2011, the Bureau of Land Management and the United States Forest Service began a process to amend the agencies' land use plans to incorporate greater sage-grouse conservation measures as regulatory mechanisms; and

1 WHEREAS, In 2011, the United States Secretary of the Interior invited those  
2 states impacted by the potential listing of the greater sage-grouse to develop state-  
3 specific regulatory mechanisms to conserve the species; and

4 WHEREAS, In 2012, Governor Brian Sandoval strengthened the State of  
5 Nevada's commitment to sage-grouse conservation by issuing Executive Order  
6 2012-09, establishing the Governor's Greater Sage-grouse Advisory Committee,  
7 which led to Executive Order 2012-19, creating the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council;  
8 and

9 WHEREAS, In 2013, the Nevada Legislature enacted the provisions of  
10 Assembly Bill No. 461, which created the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council within the  
11 State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and required the Council  
12 to establish and carry out strategies for managing the greater sage-grouse and  
13 sagebrush ecosystems in this State; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2014, the Sagebrush Ecosystem Council directed the preparation  
15 of and adopted the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Plan, which  
16 combines the best available scientific information and stakeholder input into a  
17 conservation and management plan to ameliorate the primary threats to greater  
18 sage-grouse in the State of Nevada and which is intended to be the alternative  
19 for management of greater sage-grouse in Nevada by the Bureau of Land  
20 Management, the United States Forest Service and any other land  
21 management agency; and

22 WHEREAS, The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Bureau of  
23 Land Management and the United States Forest Service Land Use Plan  
24 Amendment outline measures under the agencies' preferred alternative that  
25 are not the provisions of the State's Conservation Plan and could prove as  
26 detrimental to Nevada's economy and way of life as an Endangered Species  
27 Act listing of the greater sage-grouse; and

28 WHEREAS, The State's Conservation Plan was not outlined as the  
29 alternative to be adopted by the Bureau of Land Management and the United  
30 States Forest Service for management of greater sage-grouse in Nevada; and

31 WHEREAS, Based on ~~this~~ the State's Conservation Plan, the State of Nevada  
32 is ~~currently developing a Nevada Sage-Grouse Strategic Action Plan to carry out~~  
33 ~~the recommendations of~~ poised and ready to implement the State's Conservation  
34 Plan and achieve landscape-scale conservation of greater sage-grouse and the  
35 sagebrush ecosystem; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY,  
37 That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature express their  
38 confidence in and support of the 2014 Nevada Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation  
39 Plan and the ability of the State of Nevada to conserve greater sage-grouse and the  
40 sagebrush ecosystem effectively; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada  
42 Legislature exhort and strongly request the Bureau of Land Management and  
43 the United States Forest Service to adopt the State's Conservation Plan as the  
44 management alternative for greater sage-grouse in Nevada; and be it further

45 RESOLVED, That the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature  
46 urge and strongly request the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to not list  
47 the greater sage-grouse as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species  
48 Act of 1973 and allow the State of Nevada to implement the State's  
49 Conservation Plan to demonstrate the effectiveness of the Plan as an adequate  
50 regulatory mechanism in conserving the greater sage-grouse; and be it further

51 RESOLVED, That if the Bureau of Land Management and the United States  
52 Fish and Wildlife Service choose not to follow the guidance and exhortations of  
53 this resolution, the members of the 78th Session of the Nevada Legislature

urge and strongly request the United States Congress to intervene and enact federal legislation to provide an extension of time, for a period of 10 years through and including Fiscal Year 2025, before the United States Secretary of the Interior can consider, write or issue pursuant to Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 a finding or proposed federal endangered species regulation in order to allow the State's Conservation Plan to be implemented and demonstrate the effectiveness of the Plan as an adequate regulatory mechanism in conserving the greater sage-grouse; 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 presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the United States Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the Governor of the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.