
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 2—SENATORS
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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to require the sharing of federal receipts from commercial activity on certain public lands with the State of Nevada and its counties. (BDR R-452)

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—Urging Congress to require the sharing of federal receipts from commercial activity on certain public lands with the State of Nevada and its counties.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Federal Government manages and controls
2 approximately 87 percent of the land in the State of Nevada; and
3 WHEREAS, Much of that land is rich in natural resources; and
4 WHEREAS, The Federal Government receives significant income
5 from the sale and lease of those lands and from royalties related to
6 commercial activity on those lands, including, without limitation,
7 mining, farming, grazing and logging; and
8 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and its political subdivisions do
9 not generally receive an apportionment of the receipts from this
10 commercial activity within its boundaries; and
11 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada and its political subdivisions
12 support the cost of much of this commercial activity by providing
13 services and infrastructure; and



1 WHEREAS, Congress has previously recognized the need to
2 share revenues generated on federal lands with affected state and
3 county governments; and

4 WHEREAS, Through the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Public Law
5 109-58, 119 Stat. 660, Congress created a provision sharing
6 revenues from geothermal energy generated on federal lands with
7 the states and counties within which the geothermal resources are
8 located; and

9 WHEREAS, Through House Resolution No. 596, Congress is
10 currently considering similar revenue sharing provisions for the
11 generation of solar and wind power on federal lands; now, therefore,
12 be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
14 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 78th Session of the
15 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact legislation to
16 require a portion of federal receipts from all commercial activity on
17 public lands in the State of Nevada to be shared with the State of
18 Nevada and its counties; and be it further

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

25 RESOLVED, That this resolution become effective upon passage.

