

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Committee
on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Office of the Governor to continue working with the Legislature to consider the potential impact of listing the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species and to develop strategies to preclude the listing.

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, Although the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the greater sage grouse is warranted for listing as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq., listing the species is currently precluded by the need to take action on other species, and a proposed rule or change in determination as to listing the species must be made by the end of federal fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, Through the enactment of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15, File Number 48, Statutes of Nevada 2005, at page 3022, the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature found that 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, Through the enactment of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 3, File Number 25, Statutes of Nevada 2011, at page 3833, the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature urged persons involved in activities to improve the population of the greater sage grouse and to prevent the greater sage grouse from being listed as an endangered or threatened species to engage in those activities in a proactive manner to ensure the protection and restoration of the population and habitat of the greater sage grouse; and

WHEREAS, Through the execution of Executive Order 2012-09, the Governor established the Governor's Greater Sage-grouse Advisory Committee to provide recommendations on policies and actions for developing a statewide strategy to preclude the need to list the greater sage grouse as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, and authorized the Advisory Committee to consult with members of the Nevada Legislature in developing its recommendations; and



WHEREAS, In accordance with Executive Order 2012-09, the Governor's Greater Sage-grouse Advisory Committee issued its report, "Strategic Plan for Conservation of Greater Sage-Grouse in Nevada," on July 31, 2012, and concluded its activities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature urge the Office of the Governor to continue the Legislature's involvement in:

1. Analyzing the potential economic impact of listing the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act; and

2. Developing and implementing strategies to preclude the listing of the greater sage grouse as an endangered or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

