
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 14–
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

MARCH 25, 2013

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to enact the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act. (BDR R-1114)

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 enact the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act.

1 WHEREAS, The Lyon County Economic Development and
2 Conservation Act, H.R. 696, was recently introduced in the 113th
3 Congress; and
4 WHEREAS, The intent of this proposed legislation is to promote
5 the preservation of wilderness and develop a sustainable
6 development plan to enable all persons to benefit from the use of
7 land adjacent to the City of Yerington for potential commercial and
8 industrial development, mining activities, recreational opportunities
9 and expansion of community and cultural events; and
10 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Lyon County Economic
11 Development and Conservation Act propose to convey federal land
12 to the City of Yerington for the purposes of sustainable economic
13 and industrial development; and
14 WHEREAS, Commercial and industrial development of the
15 federal land would enable the community to benefit from the
16 transportation, power and water infrastructure that would be put in
17 place with the concurrent development of commercial and industrial
18 operations; and
19 WHEREAS, The federal land proposed for conveyance to the City
20 under the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation
21 Act is adjacent to the boundaries of the City and would be used to



1 enhance recreational, cultural, commercial and industrial
2 development opportunities in the City; and

3 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Lyon County Economic
4 Development and Conservation Act propose to designate federal
5 land as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness
6 Preservation System, to be known as the "Wovoka Wilderness"; and

7 WHEREAS, The proposed Wovoka Wilderness is named in honor
8 of the Northern Paiute spiritual leader and founder of the Ghost
9 Dance, and contains landscapes and wildlife habitat that have been
10 enjoyed by hunters, outdoor enthusiasts and explorers since John C.
11 Fremont camped along the East Walker River in 1844; and

12 WHEREAS, The Lyon County Economic Development and
13 Conservation Act will create an estimated 1,300 jobs and provide
14 much needed economic development for the City of Yerington and
15 Lyon County; and

16 WHEREAS, The designation of the proposed Wovoka Wilderness
17 will preserve invaluable prehistoric cultural and natural resources,
18 thereby preserving those resources for future generations; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
21 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 77th Session of the
22 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact the Lyon County
23 Economic Development and Conservation Act; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
25 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United
26 States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the
27 House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada
28 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
30 passage.

