

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 4—
COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

(ON BEHALF OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
ON PUBLIC LANDS)

FEBRUARY 21, 2019

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources

SUMMARY—Expresses the support of the Nevada Legislature for certain federal legislation relating to the conservation of wildlife in this State. (BDR R-507)

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 the support of the Nevada Legislature for the enactment of the federal Recovering America’s Wildlife Act.

1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is home to more than 890
2 species of animals, 65 of which are found only in this State; and
3 WHEREAS, Congress has enacted legislation, commonly referred
4 to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 669-669j, and the
5 Dingell-Johnson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 777-777k, both of which were
6 assented to by this State in NRS 501.115 and 501.117, respectively,
7 to provide federal aid for the support of conservation, restoration
8 projects and science-based management of game and sport fish
9 financed by hunters, recreational shooters, fishermen and boaters;
10 and
11 WHEREAS, A similarly dedicated and sustainable method of
12 funding is not available for many species of birds, mammals, fish,
13 amphibians and reptiles which are not hunted or fished; and
14 WHEREAS, In 2012, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners
15 approved a Wildlife Action Plan created by the Department of
16 Wildlife; and



1 WHEREAS, The provisions of the Wildlife Action Plan prioritize
2 256 species of wildlife having the greatest need for conservation and
3 22 types of habitat that require prescriptive actions to ensure the
4 maintenance of those species and types of habitat for current and
5 future generations in this State; and

6 WHEREAS, There is a recognized need to expand funding for the
7 conservation of wildlife in the United States; and

8 WHEREAS, The Blue Ribbon Panel on Sustaining America's
9 Diverse Fish and Wildlife Resources, consisting of 26 members who
10 are leaders in business and conservation, met in 2015 to examine the
11 current system of conservation funding and recommend alternative
12 methods of funding to support fish and wildlife conservation to
13 ensure the sustainability of all species of fish and wildlife for current
14 and future generations in this State; and

15 WHEREAS, The Panel recommended that Congress dedicate \$1.3
16 billion dollars annually in existing revenue from the development of
17 energy and mineral resources on federal lands and waters for
18 programs to diversify the funding for and the management of all
19 species of wildlife; and

20 WHEREAS, H.R. 4647, 115th Cong. (2017), commonly known as
21 the Recovering America's Wildlife Act, was introduced to Congress
22 on December 14, 2017, to implement the recommendations of the
23 Panel; and

24 WHEREAS, If enacted, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act
25 would provide dedicated methods of funding to provide partial
26 financial support:

- 27 1. For the conservation of wildlife in this State;
- 28 2. For state matching funds if a dedicated method of federal
29 funding is obtained for the conservation of wildlife in this State; and
- 30 3. To carry out the Wildlife Action Plan of the Nevada
31 Department of Wildlife; now therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
33 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 80th Session of the
34 Nevada Legislature express their support for the Recovering
35 America's Wildlife Act; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United
38 States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding
39 officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United State
40 House of Representatives, and each member of the Nevada
41 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
43 passage.

