

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4–
Committee on Natural Resources

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing the support of the Nevada Legislature for the enactment of the federal Recovering America’s Wildlife Act.

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is home to more than 890 species of animals, 65 of which are found only in this State; and

WHEREAS, Congress has enacted legislation, commonly referred to as the Pittman-Robertson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 669-669j, and the Dingell-Johnson Act, 16 U.S.C. §§ 777-777k, both of which were assented to by this State in NRS 501.115 and 501.117, respectively, to provide federal aid for the support of conservation, restoration projects and science-based management of game and sport fish financed by hunters, recreational shooters, fishermen and boaters; and

WHEREAS, A similarly dedicated and sustainable method of funding is not available for many species of birds, mammals, fish, amphibians and reptiles which are not hunted or fished; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, the Board of Wildlife Commissioners approved a Wildlife Action Plan created by the Department of Wildlife; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

