

SUMMARY—Urges the Federal Government to release federally managed land in Nevada for housing. (BDR R-1097)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.

Effect on the State: No.

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the Federal Government to release federally managed land in Nevada for housing.

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is experiencing a significant housing crisis characterized by a shortage of affordable housing and insufficient amount of land for residential development; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 85 percent of land in Nevada is owned and managed by the Federal Government with the United States Bureau of Land Management overseeing the majority of such land; and

WHEREAS, The limited availability of developable land is a key factor in the future of affordable housing in Nevada in order to meet the needs of the growing population of the State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada has a history of bipartisan efforts that sought to make certain lands available for housing while protecting other public lands for future generations; and



WHEREAS, Releasing certain federally managed lands to the State or local governments would allow for a flexible and targeted approach to address the State's long-term housing needs, economic development and community planning initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is committed to managing land in a responsible and sustainable manner to balance economic development, environmental stewardship and public access; and

WHEREAS, Transferring ownership of certain federal lands to the State or local governments for the purpose of addressing the housing crisis would align with the goals of the Federal Government to support local economic development and foster community resilience; and

WHEREAS, Collaboration between federal, state and local governments is essential to ensuring that land use decisions are made in the best interest of the residents of Nevada while respecting environmental and cultural considerations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 83rd Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge the President of the United States and the Congress of the United States to prioritize the passage and implementation of the Southern Nevada Economic Development and Conservation Act which releases certain parcels of federally managed land to the State of Nevada and the local governments of the State for the purposes of addressing and stabilizing the State's housing crisis, while protecting public lands, conservation and wildlife; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such transfers of land should be conducted in a manner that ensures comprehensive planning and public input, promotes sustainable development and protects the environmental and cultural values of the affected areas; and be it further



RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly 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 States House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

