

Introduced by Senator Steinberg
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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Relative to the creation of the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake Tahoe.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 13, as introduced, Steinberg. Creation of the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake Tahoe.

This measure would create the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake Tahoe. The measure would require the committee to consist of 8 members, who shall include 4 Senators appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules and 4 Assembly Members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. In addition, this measure would require the members to meet at various times and places on or before December 31, 2009. This measure would authorize the termination of the committee on November 30, 2010.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, Lake Tahoe has long been recognized as a natural
2 resource of national and international significance as one of the
3 world's largest, clearest, and most scenic Alpine lakes and is one
4 of only two Outstanding National Resource Waters in the State of
5 California; and

6 WHEREAS, It is the expressed policy of this state, of the State
7 of Nevada, and of the United States of America, through adoption
8 and ratification of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact as
9 amended in 1980, to preserve the scenic beauty and outdoor

1 recreational opportunities of the region by insuring an equilibrium
2 between the region's natural endowment and its manmade
3 environment; and

4 WHEREAS, This state, along with the State of Nevada, the
5 United States of America, and other public and private entities,
6 committed itself in 1997 to the development and implementation
7 of the Environmental Improvement Program, an element of the
8 Tahoe Regional Plan that allocates and guides capital investments
9 in conservation and restoration measures designed to achieve the
10 environmental threshold carrying capacities and to repair
11 environmental damage from the past that are beyond the capacity
12 of the Tahoe Regional Plan to address through regulation and the
13 mitigation of impacts of current activities; and

14 WHEREAS, Representatives of the State of California are
15 participating in a variety of ways in the development of a new
16 Tahoe Regional Plan, including a new Environmental Improvement
17 Program, in partnership with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, The Lake Tahoe region deserves special
20 representation by the Legislature to provide appropriate policy and
21 budgetary guidance; now, therefore, be it

22 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
23 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
24 hereby establishes the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake
25 Tahoe; and be it further

26 *Resolved*, That the committee consist of eight members, who
27 shall include four Senators appointed by the Senate Committee on
28 Rules and four Assembly Members appointed by the Speaker of
29 the Assembly; the members of the committee from each house
30 shall include three members of the majority caucus and one
31 member of the minority caucus; and be it further

32 *Resolved*, That the chair and vice chair of the committee shall
33 be appointed by mutual agreement of the Senate Committee on
34 Rules and the Speaker of the Assembly; and be it further

35 *Resolved*, That the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake
36 Tahoe shall meet at least once prior to the adoption of the annual
37 Budget Act for the 2009–10 fiscal year, once in the Lake Tahoe
38 region on or before August 31, 2009, and once with its respective
39 committee representing the State of Nevada on or before December
40 31, 2009; and be it further

1 *Resolved*, That the joint committee is authorized to act until
2 November 30, 2010, when its existence shall terminate; and be it
3 further

4 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
5 this resolution to the author for appropriate distributions.

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