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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 13

Introduced by Senator Steinberg

(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Gaines and Jones)

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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 amended, 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

1 WHEREAS, It is the expressed policy of this state, of the State
2 of Nevada, and of the United States of America, through adoption
3 and ratification of the Tahoe Regional Planning Compact as
4 amended in 1980, to preserve the scenic beauty and outdoor
5 recreational opportunities of the region by ensuring an equilibrium
6 between the region's natural endowment and its manmade
7 environment; and

8 WHEREAS, This state, along with the State of Nevada, the
9 United States of America, and other public and private entities,
10 committed itself in 1997 to the development and implementation
11 of the Environmental Improvement Program, a comprehensive
12 1.1-billion-dollar (\$1,100,000,000) plan that allocates and guides
13 capital investments in conservation and restoration measures
14 designed to achieve the environmental threshold carrying capacities
15 and to repair environmental damage from the past that are beyond
16 the capacity of the Tahoe Regional Plan to address through
17 regulation and the mitigation of impacts of current activities; and

18 WHEREAS, Representatives of the State of California are
19 participating in a variety of ways in the development of a new
20 Environmental Improvement Program, in partnership with the
21 Tahoe Regional Planning Agency; and

22 WHEREAS, The Lake Tahoe region deserves special
23 representation by the Legislature to provide appropriate policy and
24 budgetary guidance on the adoption and implementation of a new
25 Environmental Improvement Program; now, therefore, be it

26 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
27 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
28 hereby establishes the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake
29 Tahoe; and be it further

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

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

39 *Resolved*, That the Joint Committee for the Protection of Lake
40 Tahoe shall meet at least once in the Lake Tahoe region on or

1 before ~~August 31, 2009~~ *December 31, 2009*, and once with its
2 respective committee representing the State of Nevada on or before
3 December 31, 2009; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, *That the Senate Committee on Rules may make*
5 *the moneys available from the Senate Operating Fund, as it deems*
6 *necessary, to pay expenses of the joint committee and its members,*
7 *and that any expenditure of moneys shall be made in compliance*
8 *with policies set forth by the Senate Committee on Rules and shall*
9 *be subject to the approval of the Senate Committee on Rules; and*
10 *be it further*

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

14 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
15 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.

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