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Urging the Governor to support Nevada's legal challenge to federal control of public land in that state.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

WHEREAS over 90 percent of all federal land is located in 12 western states; and

WHEREAS federal land in the western states is subject to overregulation and undue restrictions imposed on its use by the federal government; and

WHEREAS the constant changes in federal regulations and the resulting confusion have created arbitrary and unreasonable limits to community growth, agricultural, mineral, energy and recreational resource development; and

WHEREAS the western states were not admitted to the Union on an equal footing with the original 13 states which retained a majority of their land in state or private ownership; and

WHEREAS in the State of Alaska, a western state, there is apart from Native-owned land, less than one third of one percent of Alaska's land in private ownership, a condition which makes the Alaska State Legislature sympathetic to Nevada's position in challenging the federal control of public land in that state;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Alaska State Legislature that it supports the concept of the Nevada challenge to federal control of its land; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Alaska State Legislature respectfully urges the Governor to join Nevada as a "friend of the court" if a federal court test of the Nevada statute is initiated.