

REFERENCE TITLE: 30x30 land program; opposing

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Introduced by
Representative Griffin

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

OPPOSING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S 30 X 30 LAND CONSERVATION PROGRAM.

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1 Whereas, Arizona is the sixth largest state in the United States by
2 land area, containing 113,998 square miles of land. The federal government
3 is the largest landowner in Arizona, holding nearly 70 percent of the
4 state's total acreage, including 24 percent of land held under federal
5 trust for tribal communities. Thirteen percent of the state's acreage is
6 state trust lands and only approximately 13 percent is private property;
7 and

8 Whereas, in Arizona there are 90 wilderness areas that comprise 4.5
9 million acres, and a large percentage of privately owned land is already
10 being protected with perpetual conservation easements; and

11 Whereas, many of Arizona's businesses, schools and citizens are
12 involved in or otherwise depend on industries that use federal lands and
13 their natural resources, including those deemed "critical minerals"; and

14 Whereas, in Section 216 of Executive Order 14008, President Joe
15 Biden directs the United States Secretary of the Interior, in consultation
16 with the United States Secretary of Agriculture, to develop a program to
17 conserve at least 30 percent of lands and waters in the United States by
18 2030 ("30 x 30 program"). If implemented, this program is likely to cause
19 significant harm to the local tax base and economy of Arizona and to
20 disproportionately impact the businesses, schools and citizens of Arizona
21 and other western states; and

22 Whereas, the 30 x 30 program, if implemented, will conflict with the
23 plans, policies and programs of Arizona that obligate the federal
24 government to coordinate its policy development with the state as also
25 required by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the National
26 Forest Management Act; and

27 Whereas, legislation known as the 30 x 30 Termination Act was
28 recently introduced in the United States House of Representatives to block
29 the radical 30 x 30 program being pursued by the Biden administration.

30 Therefore

31 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona,
32 the Senate concurring:

33 1. That the Members of the Legislature oppose the 30 x 30 program
34 or any similar program that will set aside and prevent the productive use
35 of millions of acres of Arizona's lands, oppose the designation of public
36 lands and national forests in Arizona as wilderness, wilderness study
37 areas, wildlife preserves, open space or other conservation land, and
38 oppose the acquisition of private land from unwilling private landowners.

1 2. That the Members of the Legislature support the enactment by
2 Congress of the 30 x 30 Termination Act or similar legislation, support
3 the management of public lands and the national forests under principles
4 of multiple use and sustained yield that recognize this nation's need for
5 domestic sources of minerals, energy, timber and food, support the federal
6 government's careful coordination with Arizona to ensure consistency with
7 state and local land use plans and land management policies, and support
8 the protection of private property and honoring state rights as required
9 by law.