

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will implement one-to-one devices in all Nevada schools to reduce paper waste in secondary schools.

WHEREAS, For the purpose of this legislation, “one-to-one” will be understood to refer to one laptop, netbook, tablet computer, or other mobile-computing device for every student; and

WHEREAS, An average school spends approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 on paper each year, not including the maintenance, toner, and ink that add to the printing costs or the many thousand textbooks required; and

WHEREAS, With approximately 131 high schools in Nevada, this would mean in total, they spend at least \$3,930,000 on paper alone in one school year; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 4 billion trees are cut down worldwide for paper; and

WHEREAS, According to the United States Toxic Release Inventory report published by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), pulp and paper mills are among the worst polluters to air, water and land of any industry in the country and release highly toxic chemicals like toluene, methanol, chlorine dioxide, hydrochloric acid and formaldehyde; and

WHEREAS, Reverting to online programs means saving the state millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, This extra money could be used to improve school programs, teacher salaries, and extracurricular programs; and

WHEREAS, The use of online learning management systems guarantees the integrity of the timeliness and completion of all written assignments, projects, quizzes, and tests; and

WHEREAS, A separate savings account outside of regular educational funding held by the Nevada Board of Education will be created in order to provide appropriate subsidies for equipment and technology funding; and

WHEREAS, To allow for adequate budgeting and funding for needed equipment and technology, this bill will be implemented by the year 2022; and

WHEREAS, Every five years new equipment and technology will be purchased as replacements for the used educational tools and old items will be recycled, with any money gained from such recycling being put back into the account held for this program; therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on July 1, 2016, that the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will implement one-to-one devices in all Nevada schools to reduce paper waste in secondary schools.