

NEVADA GIRLS STATE
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

Memorializes the 2019 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will allow consumers more options for solar energy, which in turn would give businesses and homeowners more freedom to choose their provider of electric utilities, encourage smaller providers to expand, promote the usage of solar powered energy without a cap, and prevent the Public Utilities Commission from imposing restrictions, fees, and higher rates.

WHEREAS, Construction companies are limited to the usage of solar power on their buildings because of NV Energy's cap; and

WHEREAS, Solar energy is a rapidly growing renewable resource which reduces long term electricity costs, is eco-friendly, abundant, and easily applicable, particularly in Nevada, which has upwards of 300 sunny days per year and would join Texas and New York in this freedom to choose their providers; and

WHEREAS, The freedom of smaller businesses is crippled under the purview of NV Energy as these businesses are not encourage to embark in the line of business of electricity nor promote solar power; and

WHEREAS, Corporations, companies, and citizens should have the freedom to purchase and choose utility services from different providers in the energy market; and

WHEREAS, People with rooftop solar can sell back unused energy to the grid at a rate of 7 cents per kilowatt hour and therefore would pay less for solar power because they will regulate their own usage; and

WHEREAS, Lower energy prices would encourage both individuals and business to move to the state, bolstering both urban and suburban communities; and

WHEREAS, Nevada dropped from a ranking of 14th in the United States in 2015 to 28th in 2017 for solar power policy due to the stricter changes in net metering regulations; therefore be it

RESOLVE BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on June 30, 2017 that the 2019 session of the Nevada legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to allow consumers a choice in electric providers and solar usage, as well as change the net metering restrictions imposed by NV Energy.