28	international, and hemispherical importance;
29	WHEREAS, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands support a range of economic activities,
30	accounting for a total regional economic output of more than \$1.3 billion annually from
31	mineral extraction, brine shrimp harvesting, recreation, including hunting, birding, and boating,
32	and other uses;
33	WHEREAS, Great Salt Lake and its wetlands are recognized as hemispherically and
34	globally important habitat for millions of waterbirds, waterfowl, and shorebirds;
35	WHEREAS, Great Salt Lake is home to three state parks, five state waterfowl
36	management areas, a national bird refuge, and private preserves and duck clubs;
37	WHEREAS, the "lake effect" from Great Salt Lake provides an important contribution
38	to snowpack in the Wasatch Range, which is crucially important to Utah's water cycle and its
39	tourism Ŝ→ [industry] , agricultural, and other industries ←Ŝ;
40	WHEREAS, many state, local, and federal entities have responsibilities relating to the
41	management and preservation of Great Salt Lake, its wetlands, wildlife, or communities that
42	rely on the lake's many resources;
43	WHEREAS, the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council was established in 2010 to advise
44	Utah administrative and legislative bodies on the sustainable use, protection, and development
45	of Great Salt Lake;
46	WHEREAS, water levels at Great Salt Lake and its wetlands can fluctuate naturally,
47	however, the lake is currently on a sustained, downward trend having lost significant volume
48	and substantial river inflow over the past 150 years, leaving large areas of exposed lakebed;
49	WHEREAS, the current trajectory suggests there is a $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{very}] \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{H}}$ real and near-term risk
49a	of
50	significant and irreversible impacts to the health of Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, which
51	also poses a threat to Utah's economy, public health and welfare, air quality, environmental
52	resources, and the ability to provide water to meet Utah's growing economy;
53	WHEREAS, other states or communities with closed basin lakes that have experienced
54	excessive drying, have witnessed dire outcomes and have incurred enormous costs and public
55	health, environmental and other economic effects;
56	WHEREAS, Great Salt Lake and its ecosystem could face a similar fate due to $\hat{\mathbf{H}} \rightarrow [\mathbf{a}]$
57	combination of \P ← \P historic \P = \P [and current] ← \P water management practices \P = \P [and], ← \P
57a	diversions, drought and
58	variable climatic conditions; and

59	WHEREAS, by taking steps now, Utah will be best-positioned to avoid the kind of
60	degradation and economic harm experienced by other states or communities:
61	NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
62	Governor concurring therein, recognize the critical importance of ensuring adequate water
63	flows to Great Salt Lake and its wetlands, to maintain a healthy and sustainable lake system.
64	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor recognize there is
65	a need for an overall policy that supports effective $\hat{S} \rightarrow [allocation \ and] \leftarrow \hat{S}$ administration of water
65a	flow
66	to Great Salt Lake to maintain or increase lake levels, while appropriately balancing economic,
67	social, and environmental needs $\hat{S} \rightarrow$, including the need to sustain working agricultural
67a	<u>land</u> ←Ŝ .
68	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the
69	Departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Quality through their relevant divisions
69a	Ĥ→ [,
70	along with the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council,] ←Ĥ to expeditiously, jointly, and collaboratively
71	engage with a wide-range of stakeholders to develop recommendations for policy and other
72	solutions to ensure adequate water flows to Great Salt Lake and its wetlands.
73	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature and the Governor encourage the
74	presentation of findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Legislature and Governor \$->.
74a	including encouraging a report of progress in achieving the objectives of this resolution to the
74a 74b	including encouraging a report of progress in achieving the objectives of this resolution to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than
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74b 74c	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than November 30, 2020 ←Ŝ .
74b74c75	Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee by no later than November 30, 2020 ←\$. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Utah