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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-039

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE JORDAN COVE LIQUEFIED NATURAL**
102 **GAS EXPORT FACILITY.**

1 WHEREAS, The proposed Jordan Cove liquefied natural gas
2 (LNG) terminal and storage facility within the Oregon International Port
3 of Coos Bay is the only LNG facility in the western United States that
4 would directly connect Colorado to new energy markets through the Ruby
5 Pipeline, which originates in the Rocky Mountains and goes west; and

6 WHEREAS, Jordan Cove will give Colorado access to
7 international energy markets and provide significant economic
8 opportunity for western Colorado; and

9 WHEREAS, Jordan Cove will provide federal, state, and local
10 revenues derived from federal mineral royalties and state severance taxes

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 collected on natural gas production; and

2 WHEREAS, The United States' supply of natural gas has increased
3 significantly in the recent past, and Colorado ranks sixth in natural gas
4 production nationally; and

5 WHEREAS, The reduction in natural gas production in western
6 Colorado has resulted in job losses and economic depression for western
7 Colorado rural communities, with less revenue generated at the state and
8 local level, having a negative impact on the overall economic health of
9 the region and the state; and

10 WHEREAS, Jordan Cove has received bipartisan support from
11 members of all levels of government, including Governor John
12 Hickenlooper, U.S. Senator Michael Bennet, U.S. Senator Cory Gardner,
13 U.S. Congressman Scott Tipton, and others; and

14 WHEREAS, Colorado plays a major role in the American energy
15 renaissance and in securing our national security; and

16 WHEREAS, Natural gas is clean-burning and efficient, and ample
17 supplies of natural gas are available from domestic resources, such as
18 western Colorado; and

19 WHEREAS, Natural gas production in the United States recently
20 has increased substantially due to technological advancements in natural
21 gas extraction methods; and

22 WHEREAS, This increased production has displaced traditional
23 supply sources and resulted in reduced prices for natural gas consumers;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, The prospect of ample natural gas supplies, continued
26 low prices, and the favorable environmental and economic position of
27 natural gas-fired electric generation plants are leading to expectations of
28 growing U.S. demand for natural gas, especially in the electric and
29 industrial sectors, and for export as LNG; now, therefore,

30 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
31 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

32 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,

1 recognize the importance of jobs in the oil and natural gas industry to
2 western Colorado and the positive economic and national security impacts
3 this industry brings to Colorado and the entire United States.

4 (2) That we support the development of the Jordan Cove LNG
5 facility.

6 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
7 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Norman C. Bay, chairman of the Federal
8 Energy Regulatory Commission; David Ludlam, executive director of the
9 Western Slope Colorado Oil & Gas Association; Tracee Bentley,
10 executive director of the Colorado Petroleum Council; Dan Haley,
11 president and chief executive officer of the Colorado Oil & Gas
12 Association; Stan Dempsey, president of the Colorado Petroleum
13 Association; and each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.