

74th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY - 2007 Regular Session
STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee on Workforce and Economic Development

MEASURE: HJM 6
CARRIER: Rep. Dallum

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	5 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Dallum, Girod, Holvey, Riley, Witt
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Barnhart, Lim
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Meeting Dates:	2/28

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges Congress to support the establishment of the Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the memorial.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: At the end of the last Ice Age, some 12,000 to 17,000 years ago, a series of cataclysmic floods occurred in what is now the northwestern region of the United States. After passing through the Columbia River Gorge, the flood backed up into Oregon's Willamette Valley, covering the current site of Portland with 300 feet of water and reaching as far south as Eugene. The floods are responsible for shaping many of Oregon's unique landscape features, from Juniper Canyon in the northeast to the cities of Astoria and Warrenton on the Pacific Coast.

Both Houses of Congress are currently considering identical bills to establish an Ice Age Floods National Geologic Trail. Similar legislation cleared the Senate last year but died when the session ended before differences with the version that the House of Representatives passed could be resolved. HJM 6 declares that the establishment of a trail will benefit local economies and requests Congressional support for its establishment.

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