

House Joint Memorial 10

Sponsored by Representative BOQUIST (at the request of former state Representative Ed Patterson)

SUMMARY

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Urges President of United States and Congress to remove provisions of federal law that disqualify veterans' mortgage bonds from tax-exempt status if bond proceeds are used for acquiring or replacing existing mortgages.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress as-
3 sembled:

4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in leg-
5 islative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the people of Oregon, in gratitude for the service of veterans from this state, in 1944
7 pledged in Article XI-A of the Oregon Constitution to provide the means by which returning veter-
8 ans could enjoy the benefits of home and farm ownership; and

9 Whereas Oregon is one of only five states that offer a loan program with which resident veter-
10 ans can finance the purchase of homes and farms; and

11 Whereas the Oregon War Veterans' Fund, since its inception, has enabled thousands of veterans
12 and veterans' spouses and children to own homes and farms, with the attendant benefits of economic
13 and community stability for the state; and

14 Whereas the continuation and measured expansion of programs to provide stable, reliable and
15 competitive loan rates for Oregon veterans is an important public policy goal; and

16 Whereas an important tool for an individual veteran or other qualified person to use in building
17 wealth and making financial plans for the future is the ability to refinance or restructure a home
18 or farm loan at more competitive rates; and

19 Whereas federal law disqualifies from tax-exempt status bonds that the Oregon Department of
20 Veterans' Affairs issues to finance veterans' loans if the proceeds of the bonds are used to acquire
21 or replace existing mortgages; and

22 Whereas the issuance of tax-exempt Qualified Veterans' Mortgage Bonds is the only practical
23 method for financing veterans' home and farm loans at competitive rates while preserving the
24 solvency and stability of the Oregon War Veterans' Fund; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

26 (1) That the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to act
27 immediately to remove the provisions in section 143 of Public Law 99-514 (1986) and succeeding
28 legislation that require the proceeds from Qualified Veterans' Mortgage Bonds to be used only for
29 new mortgages.

30 (2) That the Seventy-fourth Legislative Assembly also urges the President of the United States
31 to direct all agencies of the United States Government that have responsibility for determining the

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1 tax treatment and legal status of Qualified Veterans' Mortgage Bonds to revise agency regulations,
2 practices and procedures in order to give Qualified Veterans' Mortgage Bonds, the proceeds of
3 which are used to acquire, replace or refinance existing mortgages, the same tax treatment and legal
4 status given to such bonds when the bond proceeds are used for new mortgages.

5 (3) That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the
6 Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the
7 Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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