

House Joint Memorial 2

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SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Urges Congress to increase federal funding for purpose of more fully reimbursing states and schools districts for costs of educating children with disabilities.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States and the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

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

Whereas the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.) requires states to provide a free and appropriate public education to children with disabilities; and

Whereas children with disabilities deserve an equal educational opportunity; and

Whereas providing special education and related services to children with disabilities is expensive and is a major contributor to increased education costs at the state and local levels; and

Whereas the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act authorizes appropriations for the purpose of making grants to assist states with the expenses of providing special education and related services to children with disabilities in accordance with federal law; and

Whereas the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act authorizes the Congress of the United States to appropriate funds to pay for up to 40 percent of the average per pupil expenditure involved in educating children with disabilities; and

Whereas the Congress of the United States has not appropriated the maximum amount of funds allowable under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to appropriate additional funds up to the maximum allowable amount under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the purpose of more fully reimbursing states and school districts that are providing the important service of educating children with disabilities as required by federal law.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.