

# House Joint Memorial 22

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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 amend Federal Power Act to specifically address and encourage development of wave energy.

## 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 wave energy is a renewable power source with a great potential to reduce our dependence on oil and other fossil fuels; and

Whereas the Oregon coast is particularly well suited for the development of wave energy development and generation; and

Whereas the technology for harnessing wave energy is rapidly evolving in many locations, including Scotland, Portugal and here in Oregon; and

Whereas the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon strongly supports the development of this technology for its global benefits, as well as its potential for economic development; and

Whereas the siting of wave energy facilities in the ocean has the potential for direct conflict with other important uses of ocean resources; and

Whereas the only current process for the siting of wave energy facilities in the ocean is, unfortunately, Part 1 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 791 et seq., which is primarily designed for the siting of dams on rivers; and

Whereas agencies of the federal government are themselves in disagreement as to which agency has jurisdiction over the siting of wave energy facilities within the outer continental shelf; and

Whereas recent applications to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under the current process highlight these deficiencies with the regulatory process and the disagreements among federal agencies; and

Whereas it appears that the use of the current regulatory process is destined for conflict; and

Whereas that conflict will likely slow the process of developing this important and innovative technology; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to amend the Federal Power Act to provide a specific process for the siting of wave energy facilities that will encourage innovation, provide for direct local input in siting decisions, be expedited and address potential

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1 conflicts at the beginning of the regulatory process.

2 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate  
3 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon  
4 Congressional Delegation.

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