

House Joint Memorial 100

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS, ETHICS AND RULES (at the request of House Interim Committee on Rural Policy)

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**.

Expresses support for all rural Oregonians and urges support for reauthorization and extension of Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.

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 spe-
5 cial legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas Oregon is a diverse state in many ways that strengthen us; and

7 Whereas economic and geographic diversity challenges us to meet the needs of all communities,
8 whether urban or rural; and

9 Whereas rural Oregon is a unique, vast area whose beauty and natural resources are appreci-
10 ated by all Oregonians, whether urban or rural; and

11 Whereas there are degrees of ruralness marked by distances to neighboring communities and
12 density of population; and

13 Whereas Oregonians who live and work in rural communities contribute to the strength of the
14 state's economy beyond their number; and

15 Whereas a natural resource base has been the foundation of Oregon's rural economy and that
16 industry has changed dramatically over the past two decades; and

17 Whereas rural Oregonians are stewards of the land and natural resources and many rural com-
18 munities are islands surrounded by public lands; and

19 Whereas rural Oregonians show a nature of independence and self-reliance that contributes to
20 the character of the state; and

21 Whereas it is in the best interest of Oregon to have strong, viable rural communities and
22 economies; and

23 Whereas it is critical to preserve, maintain and enhance the heritage of rural Oregon; now,
24 therefore,

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

26 (1) We express support for all rural Oregonians and acknowledge the challenges that they face.
27 We call on Oregon to work deliberately to assist rural Oregon counties faced with the loss of federal
28 funds. We also respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to make good on the obligation
29 of the federal government to make our counties financially strong, either through the reauthori-
30 zation and extension of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000
31 (P.L. 106-393) or through the active and responsible management of the federal lands within our

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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2 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delega-
3 tion.

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