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Senate Joint Memorial 14

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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 special legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas water is critical to sustaining the economic, communal and environmental health of Oregon; and

Whereas the Oregon Progress Board's State of the Environment Report 2000 identified inadequate water supplies as one of the state's major environmental challenges; and

Whereas the Office of Economic Analysis of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services projects that Oregon's population will grow by more than one million people in the next 25 years and that Washington County's population will increase by more than 200,000 people in the next 20 years; and

Whereas the local governments in and around Washington County seek a safe, reliable and locally controlled supply of water to enable population growth, sustain agricultural production, support industry and restore in-stream flows in the Tualatin River and its tributaries; and

Whereas the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States Department of the Interior has expressed interest in transferring the title of the Tualatin Project, a federal water-supply project that includes Scoggins Dam, recreation facilities and other real property, to local government control; and

Whereas the Tualatin Project Title Transfer Partners, consisting of Clean Water Services, the Tualatin Valley Irrigation District, the Tualatin Valley Water District, Washington County and the Cities of Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Tigard and Beaverton, have signed a Memorandum of Agreement expressing their support for the title transfer of the Tualatin Project; and

Whereas the completion of this title transfer would increase flexibility and coordination and would offer an opportunity to effectively and efficiently integrate the area's water supply; and

Whereas the completion of this title transfer will provide water to the region's burgeoning population and to the industries essential to Oregon's economic well-being, and also enhance restoration and conservation initiatives in the Tualatin River watershed; and

Whereas the title transfer of the Tualatin Project serves the best interests of the residents of Washington County and the State of Oregon; 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 support the title transfer of the Tualatin Project.

(2) The Oregon Congressional Delegation is respectfully urged to advocate for the title transfer of the Tualatin Project and to obtain federal funding and other assistance to advance this project of local and state significance.

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

Adopted by Senate February 14, 2008

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House February 21, 2008

Speaker of House