

# House Joint Memorial 7

Sponsored by Representative BAILEY (at the request of Oregon PeaceWorks, Chris Extine)

## SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to shift funds from federal defense budget to states.

## 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-fifth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly of Oregon believes that the security of this country is not exclusively dependent upon military might but is also dependent upon the well-being and vitality of its citizens; and

Whereas programs that sustain and improve the health and education of our citizens, that provide affordable housing and that protect the environment are being shifted from the federal government to state governments; and

Whereas funds provided by the federal government to the states are insufficient to fulfill responsibilities for the programs; and

Whereas the four countries identified as state sponsors of terrorism by the United States have a combined defense budget far less than the approximately \$730 billion defense budget of the United States; and

Whereas the United States' military expenditures are almost half of the combined military expenditures of all the world's nations; and

Whereas Pentagon spending has been repeatedly shown to generate less economic benefit, in terms of jobs and multiplier effects, than any other form of economic activity; and

Whereas shifting federal funds from military spending to the states would dramatically improve the security of our citizens and strengthen our ability to compete successfully in the global marketplace; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Seventy-fifth Legislative Assembly respectfully urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that shifts funds from the defense budget to the several states to assist the several states in meeting increased costs of responsibility for federal programs shifted to the several states.

(2) 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.

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