

# House Joint Memorial 20

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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 enact legislation requiring Federal Aviation Administration to expedite approval process for unmanned aircraft testing in rural areas.

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

Whereas unmanned aircraft are currently prohibited from flying in general airspace; and

Whereas manufacturers of unmanned aircraft require locations for aerial testing; and

Whereas it usually takes two to five years to obtain Federal Aviation Administration approval for testing of unmanned aircraft; and

Whereas central Oregon has proposed a large remote area for the testing of unmanned aircraft; and

Whereas remote Military Operations Areas are available when not in use by the military; and

Whereas manufacturers of unmanned aircraft locating to central Oregon would bring immediate economic benefit to the proposed test area; and

Whereas the recent unemployment rate for communities near the proposed test area ranges from a low of approximately 15 percent to a high of 18.6 percent; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that requires the Federal Aviation Administration to:

(a) Develop an expedited approval process for applications for aerial testing in rural counties with an unemployment rate of 10 percent or higher; and

(b) Expedite approval of temporary flight restrictions to allow unmanned aircraft testing in remote Military Operations Areas when those areas are not in use by the military.

(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.

**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.