

House Memorial 3

Sponsored by Representative HICKS

SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to repeal federal No Child Left Behind Act.

HOUSE 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 House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas putting our children first is both an economic imperative and a moral necessity; and

Whereas a strong education system is vital to a strong economy; and

Whereas the federal No Child Left Behind Act is insufficiently funded to bring about its intended effect; and

Whereas the federal No Child Left Behind Act has imposed what in effect is an unfunded educational mandate on the states; and

Whereas the ongoing recession has forced the State of Oregon to make difficult decisions regarding the funding of public education; and

Whereas these decisions have resulted in larger class sizes, layoffs of educational staff, curtailment of extracurricular activities and school sponsored programs and a shorter school year; and

Whereas Oregon is losing teachers to states in which school budgets are more stable; and

Whereas economic recovery and development depend upon an educated workforce that possesses the skills that are necessary to handle the jobs of the 21st century; and

Whereas the State of Oregon cannot achieve and maintain prosperity if it does not properly fund secondary and post-secondary education; and

Whereas Republicans and Democrats agree that burdensome regulations prevent our schools, our teachers and our students from achieving their potential; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Oregon:

(1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to repeal the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110, 115 Stat. 1425).

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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