

# Senate Joint Memorial 14

Sponsored by Senator WHITSETT

## SUMMARY

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Urges Congress to propose amendment to United States Constitution to allow states to nullify federal law or regulation by resolution by two-thirds of state legislatures.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

1 To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress as-  
2 sembled:  
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4 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-  
5 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas Congress and the federal courts have disregarded the constitutional limits on federal  
7 power; and

8 Whereas under Article V of the United States Constitution the several states have only two  
9 recourses to curb the expansion of federal power; and

10 Whereas the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be  
11 valid for all intents and purposes as part of the United States Constitution when ratified by the  
12 legislatures of three-fourths of the several states within seven years after the date of its submission  
13 for ratification; and

14 Whereas the proposed amendment shall provide that "any provision of law or regulation of the  
15 United States may be repealed by the several states, and such repeal shall be effective when the  
16 legislatures of two-thirds of the several states approve resolutions for this purpose that particularly  
17 describe the same provision or provisions of the law or regulation to be repealed"; now, therefore,

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

19 (1) The Congress of the United States of America is respectfully urged to propose an amendment  
20 to the United States Constitution to allow states to nullify federal law or regulation by resolution  
21 of two-thirds of the legislatures of the several states.

22 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the Senate Majority Leader and the Speaker of the  
23 House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.  
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