REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Be Adopted
Vote:	9 - 1 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Berger, Beyer, Esquivel, Freeman, Garrett, Holvey, Wingard, Olson
Nays:	Kotek
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Cheyenne Ross, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	2/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Urges President and Congress of United States to allow Oregon counties to manage revested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands located in counties or to enact the O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Act.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:
   • History of measure
   • Breadth of concluding section
   • Primary intent to recognize collaborative effort of Oregon's Congressmen

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Congress established a land grant in 1866 to promote completion of the Oregon and California Railroad (O&C) between Portland and San Francisco. In 1916, Congress took back title to about 2.9 million acres of grant land after the O&C Company and its successor, Southern Pacific, violated the terms of the grant. Congress also revested about 93,000 acres of Coos Bay Wagon Road lands in 1919 for similar reasons. In 1937, Congress passed the O&C Lands Act (P.L. 75-405) to put the lands under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior to provide for permanent forest protection; protection of watersheds and regulation of stream flow; contribution toward the economic stability of local communities and the timber industry; creation of recreational facilities; and the ability to reimburse Oregon and California counties for the loss of tax revenue from the lands.

Senate Joint Memorial 201A urges Congress and the President to allow Oregon counties to manage locally those revested lands within their borders, or to enact the O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Act negotiated by U.S. Representatives Peter DeFazio, Greg Waldon, and Kurt Schrader, of Oregon's 4th, 2nd, and 5th Districts, respectively.

This summary has not been adopted or officially endorsed by action of the committee.