

# Senate Joint Memorial 201

Sponsored by Senators GIROD, ATKINSON; Senators BATES, FERRIOLI, JOHNSON, KRUSE, VERGER, Representatives MCLANE, ROBLAN (Pre-session filed.)

## 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 President and Congress of United States of America to allow Oregon counties to manage re-vested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands located in counties.

## 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 revenues from re-vested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands, commonly known as O&C lands, distributed under the O&C Lands Act of 1937 are vital to the economic survival of many county governments in Oregon; and

Whereas federal management of the re-vested O&C lands has resulted in a serious decline in revenue from those lands; and

Whereas federal management of the O&C lands has caused significant increases in the production of greenhouse gases due to forest fires; and

Whereas public and private resources within Oregon counties in which O&C lands are located are capable of managing those lands in a responsible and balanced manner for the greatest public benefit; and

Whereas the management of O&C lands by public and private resources within Oregon counties would produce greater benefit to the counties and to the long-term health of O&C lands than is realized under current federal management; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-Sixth Legislative Assembly, urge the President and the Congress of the United States of America to allow Oregon counties in which re-vested Oregon and California Railroad grant lands are located to exercise full management authority over those lands, either by transferring title to the lands to the counties without cost or by long-term lease of the lands to the counties for a token amount; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial be sent to the President of the United States and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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