

House Joint Memorial 11

Sponsored by Representatives WHISNANT, GOMBERG

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 granting trade promotion authority to President that includes specific parameters on protection of trademarks.

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

Whereas trademarks are valuable assets to business; and

Whereas trademarks support job creation and economic stability and expand economic prosperity throughout the United States; and

Whereas intellectual property-intensive industries create millions of jobs in the United States and are responsible for trillions of dollars in United States exports; and

Whereas studies show that intellectual property theft accounts for the loss of hundreds of thousands of American jobs and billions of dollars in revenue; and

Whereas United States goods and services exports supported an estimated 11.3 million jobs in 2013, including 25 percent of all manufacturing jobs; and

Whereas growing numbers of fake and counterfeit goods enter the supply chain, posing safety risks to consumers; and

Whereas state enforcement of authentic goods and products bearing a legitimate trademark is in the interests of citizens, law enforcement and state and local economies; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to enact legislation granting the President of the United States trade promotion negotiating authority to set appropriate parameters governing protection of trademarks in any agreement negotiated; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial 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.