

House Joint Memorial 17

Sponsored by Representative BOONE; Representatives GOMBERG, KRIEGER, MCKEOWN, Senators JOHNSON, KRUSE, ROBLAN (at the request of Pacific NorthWest Economic Region)

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, Congress, Secretary of Army and Secretary of Interior to appropriate and expend funds to implement Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior 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 maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental and social ecosystem services in aquatic systems is integral to the quality of life in the State of Oregon; and

Whereas healthy aquatic habitats provide clean drinking water, flood control, transportation, recreation, purification of human and industrial wastes, power generation, habitat for native plants and animals, production of fish and other foods, marketable goods and cultural benefits; and

Whereas aquatic invasive species, including quagga mussels (*Dreissena bugensis*), zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*) and others in the dreissenid mussel family, are invasive species that cause irreparable ecological damage to many waters in the United States; and

Whereas dreissenids have not yet been detected in the Pacific Northwest; and

Whereas, if dreissenids were to become established in the Pacific Northwest, the estimated annual cost to address established populations of dreissenids in the Pacific Northwest Economic Region would be almost \$500 million annually; and

Whereas the federal Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014, P.L. 113-121, was signed into law on June 10, 2014; and

Whereas the Water Resources Reform and Development Act authorizes \$20 million for Columbia River Basin watercraft inspection stations to prevent introduction of dreissenid mussels and other aquatic invasive species; and

Whereas moneys to fund protective measures authorized by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act have not yet been appropriated by Congress; now, therefore,

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

(1) The President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior and the Congress of the United States are respectfully urged to promptly appropriate and expend funds to significantly enhance aquatic invasive species monitoring and prevention efforts and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, the Secretary

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.

1 of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House
2 of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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