

House Joint Memorial 8

Sponsored by Representative KOMP

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**.

Requests President, Congress and United States Secretary of Education to amend federal law to replace annual computer-based multiple choice tests with limited essay-based assessments.

JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, and the United States Secretary of Education:

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

Whereas students in grades three through eight take annual computer-based multiple choice tests in mathematics and reading to comply with federal law requirements; and

Whereas time taking the tests is time when a student is not receiving instruction; and

Whereas the heavy emphasis on tests results in a skewing of curriculum to the content of the test; now, therefore,

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

(1) The President, the Congress of the United States and the United States Secretary of Education are respectfully requested to amend federal law to eliminate requirements for annual computer-based multiple choice tests and to instead use essay-based assessments that are administered no more than once every three years from kindergarten through grade 10.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President, the Secretary of Education and 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.