

Senate Joint Memorial 9

Sponsored by Senators ROBLAN, KRUSE, Representatives GOMBERG, MCKEOWN; Senators EDWARDS, HANSELL, OLSEN, PROZANSKI, WHITSETT, Representatives BOONE, HUFFMAN, NATHANSON, REARDON

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 expedite appropriation of funds to monitor and prevent spread of aquatic invasive species and implement Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

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 dreissenid mussels such as quagga mussels (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) and zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), cause irreparable ecological damage to many waters in the United States; and

Whereas the estimated cost of efforts to prevent and control the spread of dreissenid mussel populations since their arrival in North America in the late 1980s is \$5 billion; and

Whereas dreissenid mussels have not yet been detected in the Pacific Northwest, but the annual cost to address dreissenid mussel populations if they were to become established in the Pacific Northwest is estimated to amount to nearly \$500 million annually; and

Whereas the Water Resources Reform and Development Act was signed into law on June 10, 2014, and authorizes \$20 million for the Secretary of the Army to establish watercraft inspection stations in the Columbia River Basin to prevent the introduction of dreissenid mussels and other aquatic invasive species; 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 request that the Congress of the United States expedite appropriation of funds to enhance efforts to monitor and prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species and to implement the intent of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Secretary of the Army, to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the

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 Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delega-
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