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Senate Joint Memorial 201

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representatives BOONE, MCKEOWN; Senators HANSELL,
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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 exceeds \$5 billion; and

Whereas dreissenid mussels have not yet been detected in the waters of the Pacific Northwest, but the annual cost to address dreissenid mussel populations were they 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; and

Whereas the 2016 fiscal year budget for the United States Army Corps of Engineers includes \$4 million in funding for watercraft inspection as authorized by the Water Resources Reform and Development Act; 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 ensure the continued appropriation of these funds in the 2017 budget to significantly enhance aquatic invasive species prevention efforts; 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 Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by Senate February 16, 2016

Readopted by Senate February 29, 2016

Lori L. Brocker, Secretary of Senate

Peter Courtney, President of Senate

Adopted by House February 25, 2016

Tina Kotek, Speaker of House