

Senate Joint Memorial 201

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN, Representatives BOONE, MCKEOWN; Senators HANSELL, JOHNSON, Representatives GOMBERG, KENNEMER, KRIEGER

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 ensure continued appropriation of funds to enhance aquatic invasive species prevention efforts and to implement Water Resources Reform and Development Act.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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2 To the President of the United States, the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Interior and
3 the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress as-
4 sembled:

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

7 Whereas maintaining a healthy suite of economic, environmental and social ecosystem services
8 in aquatic systems is integral to the quality of life in the State of Oregon; and

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

12 Whereas aquatic invasive species, including dreissenid mussels such as quagga mussels
13 (*Dreissena rostriformis bugensis*) and zebra mussels (*Dreissena polymorpha*), cause irreparable eco-
14 logical damage to many waters in the United States; and

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

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

20 Whereas the Water Resources Reform and Development Act was signed into law on June 10,
21 2014, and authorizes \$20 million for the Secretary of the Army to establish watercraft inspection
22 stations in the Columbia River Basin to prevent the introduction of dreissenid mussels and other
23 aquatic invasive species; and

24 Whereas the 2016 fiscal year budget for the United States Army Corps of Engineers includes
25 \$4 million in funding for watercraft inspection as authorized by the Water Resources Reform and
26 Development Act; now, therefore,

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

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28 That we, the members of the Seventy-eighth Legislative Assembly, respectfully request that the
29 Congress of the United States ensure the continued appropriation of these funds in the 2017 budget
30 to significantly enhance aquatic invasive species prevention efforts and to implement the intent of
31 the Water Resources Reform and Development Act; and be it further

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 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
2 the Secretary of the Army, to the Secretary of the Interior, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the
3 Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.
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