

# House Joint Memorial 5

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY, Senator BEYER

## 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 continue to appropriate funds for Hanford Nuclear Reservation cleanup, with specific focus on funding for remediation of ground water contamination.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

Whereas the United States Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies' activities producing plutonium at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation at Richland, Washington, created large amounts of high-level radioactive waste; and

Whereas the methods used for handling high-level radioactive waste from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation resulted in extensive ground water contamination; and

Whereas some of the contaminated ground water from the Hanford Nuclear Reservation enters the Columbia River, causing localized contamination where plumes enter the river; and

Whereas cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation has been underway since 1989, and will likely continue for another 40 years or more; and

Whereas eliminating the flow of contaminants in ground water to the Columbia River and eventually cleaning the ground water is one of the most difficult challenges for the Hanford Nuclear Reservation cleanup; and

Whereas federal funding for the Hanford Nuclear Reservation cleanup is not keeping pace with actions needed to prevent ground water contamination from reaching the Columbia River; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to continue to appropriate and expend funds as necessary to support the long-term disposal of high-level radioactive waste at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, with a specific focus on remediation of ground water contamination.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to 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.