

House Joint Memorial 9

Sponsored by Representative EVANS

SUMMARY

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Urges President, United States Secretary of Education and Congress to continue support and expansion of public funding for kindergarten through grade 12 public education and to refrain from siphoning off public school funding to support school voucher and private charter school programs.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

6 Whereas an informed citizenry capable of reasoned decision-making is a cornerstone upon which
7 a democratic republic is maintained; and

8 Whereas an informed citizenry capable of reasoned decision-making is possible only if broad
9 access to public kindergarten through grade 12 education exists; and

10 Whereas the United States Secretary of Education has made many statements promoting the use
11 of publicly funded school vouchers for use at private, charter and online schools; and

12 Whereas the United States Secretary of Education has a long history supporting the prolifer-
13 ation of private charter schools; and

14 Whereas creating publicly funded voucher systems while reducing funding for public schools will
15 have a major negative impact on public schools in the State of Oregon and in the nation as a whole;
16 and

17 Whereas the appropriation and redirection of public moneys away from public schools and to-
18 ward nonpublic beneficiaries endangers the public school system that is a foundation of our democ-
19 racy and represents a threat to the very fabric of the State of Oregon and the United States; now,
20 therefore,

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

21 That we, the members of the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly, urge the President, the United
22 States Secretary of Education and the Congress of the United States of America to continue and
23 expand public funding for kindergarten through grade 12 public education in this state and nation;
24 and be it further

25 Resolved, That we strongly urge the President, the United States Secretary of Education and
26 the Congress to refrain from siphoning off public school funding to support unproven and risky
27 school voucher and private charter school programs; and be it further

28 Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to
29 the United States Secretary of Education, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the
30 House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.
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NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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