

Senate Joint Memorial 5

Sponsored by Senator FERRIOLI (Presession filed.)

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 establishment and funding of federal system to reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage to real property that results from spreading of wildfire originating on federal land.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

6 Whereas the United States has adopted and administered management policies for federal lands
7 that have resulted in the undue accumulation of slash, wood waste and other debris in high volumes;
8 and

9 Whereas the accumulation of slash, wood waste and other debris on federal lands greatly in-
10 creases the difficulty of preventing wildfires and hampers the containment and extinguishing of
11 wildfires that originate on federal lands; and

12 Whereas the United States has adopted and administered wildfire fighting policies for federal
13 lands that inhibit the rapid and effective employment of resources to fight wildfires before the
14 wildfires can spread from federal lands; and

15 Whereas the spreading of wildfires originating on federal lands has caused significant damage
16 to state and local government real property and private real property in Oregon and elsewhere, in-
17 cluding the loss of numerous homes; now, therefore,

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

19 (1) The Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly urges the President and Congress of the United
20 States to provide and fund an expedient and efficient system to fully reimburse state and local
21 government property owners and private property owners for damage to real property that results
22 from the spreading of wildfire originating on federal lands.

23 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate
24 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon
25 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. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.