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Requested by Senator DEMBROW

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 5**

1 On page 2 of the printed joint memorial, delete lines 1 through 22 and
2 insert:

3 “Whereas plutonium for the bomb the United States dropped on Nagasaki
4 was produced at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, a site on the banks of the
5 Columbia River in the State of Washington that displaced area residents,
6 affected the health of ‘Downwinders’ and caused sacred sites, villages and
7 fishing areas of Native American tribes to be lost; and

8 “Whereas the Hanford Site, upriver from Oregon, remains the most toxic
9 contamination site in the Western Hemisphere, a nuclear sacrifice zone that
10 threatens the health and environment of our region; and

11 “Whereas the Marshall Islands were the site of 67 nuclear weapons tests
12 by the United States during the Cold War, and Oregon currently has one of
13 the largest populations of Marshall Islanders in the nation, many of whom
14 continue to suffer health consequences from their home being used as a nu-
15 clear sacrifice zone; and

16 “Whereas the service and suffering of all atomic veterans was acknowl-
17 edged by the State of Oregon in 2005 with the designation of July 16 every
18 year as Atomic Veterans Day, and in 2017 with the designation of Interstate
19 5 between Salem and Albany as Atomic Veterans Memorial Highway; and

20 “Whereas Oregon has been home to many courageous people who have
21 dedicated their lives to the eradication of nuclear weapons, including

1 Hiroshima survivor Dr. Hideko Tamura Snider of Medford, Hanford cleanup
2 advocate and Yakama Nation Elder Russell Jim, Nobel Peace Prize recipient
3 Linus Pauling, Hanford ‘Downwinder’ Pat Hoover of Eugene and Carol
4 Urner, who organized the first Hiroshima commemoration in Portland in
5 1962; and

6 “Whereas nuclear weapons-related mining, milling, production, testing,
7 storage and use disproportionately affect communities of color, indigenous
8 peoples and women, and adequate compensation has not been made for the
9 environmental and health consequences of nuclear weapons activities pur-
10 sued by the federal government during the 50 years of the Cold War, most
11 often on Native American land; and

12 “Whereas in order to survive climate change and pursue social justice,
13 we will need our brightest scientific minds and limited resources to no longer
14 be squandered on weapons, because as the climate crisis increases stress on
15 communities around the world and intensifies the likelihood of conflict, the
16 potential for nuclear war will grow; and”.

17 In line 33, after “steps” insert “and fulfill its ethical obligation to its
18 people”.

19 In line 35, delete “have” and insert “has”.

20 In line 44, delete “the Oregon Congressional Delegation” and insert
21 “Congress”.

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