

HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 3

By COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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1 On page 1 of the printed joint memorial, delete lines 6 through 27 and insert:

2 “Whereas 2020 was a year of unprecedented wildfires throughout the western United States,
3 including in Oregon; and

4 “Whereas the 2020 Oregon wildfire season was the most destructive season on record; and

5 “Whereas Oregon wildfires killed at least 11 people, burned more than 1 million acres and de-
6 stroyed thousands of homes; and

7 “Whereas the pattern and magnitude of wildfire-induced destruction in Oregon was repeated in
8 California and throughout the western United States, where a total of more than 6 million acres
9 have burned; and

10 “Whereas backlogs in adequate forest management coupled with drier, hotter conditions, have
11 resulted in unhealthy, overly dense forests; and

12 “Whereas when fires inevitably occur, current forest conditions result in larger, more cat-
13 astrophic fires that are difficult to control, destructive to both urban and rural communities and
14 pose great threats to both private property and human life; and

15 “Whereas the bipartisan Emergency Wildlife and Public Safety Act of 2020 (S.4431) was intro-
16 duced in the United States Senate to begin to address the catastrophic wildfire conditions that
17 persist in Oregon and other western states; and

18 “Whereas the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 was the result of over one year
19 of extensive deliberation, stakeholder engagement and outreach across party lines to ensure a bi-
20 partisan, pragmatic approach to reduce the risk of wildfire; and

21 “Whereas enactment of federal legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety
22 Act of 2020 will provide federal agencies with new tools to reduce hazardous fuels, protect commu-
23 nities, support forestry jobs, biomass development and smarter energy practices; now, therefore,”.

24 Delete lines 29 through 32 and delete page 2 and insert:

25 “That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, urge the Congress of the United
26 States to introduce and pass, and the President of the United States to sign, legislation based on the
27 Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020; 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 Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member
30 of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.”.

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