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Requested by Representative SMITH DB

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 3**

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

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

5 “Whereas the 2020 Oregon wildfire season was the most destructive sea-
6 son on record; and

7 “Whereas Oregon wildfires killed at least 11 people, burned more than 1
8 million acres and destroyed thousands of homes; and

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

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

14 “Whereas when fires inevitably occur, current forest conditions result in
15 larger, more catastrophic fires that are difficult to control, destructive to
16 both urban and rural communities and pose great threats to both private
17 property and human life; and

18 “Whereas the bipartisan Emergency Wildlife and Public Safety Act of
19 2020 (S.4431) was introduced in the United States Senate to begin to address
20 the catastrophic wildfire conditions that persist in Oregon and other western
21 states; and

1 “Whereas the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 was the
2 result of over one year of extensive deliberation, stakeholder engagement and
3 outreach across party lines to ensure a bipartisan, pragmatic approach to
4 reduce the risk of wildfire; and

5 “Whereas enactment of federal legislation based on the Emergency
6 Wildfire and Public Safety Act of 2020 will provide federal agencies with new
7 tools to reduce hazardous fuels, protect communities, support forestry jobs,
8 biomass development and smarter energy practices; now, therefore,”.

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

10 “That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, urge the
11 Congress of the United States to introduce and pass, and the President of the
12 United States to sign, legislation based on the Emergency Wildfire and
13 Public Safety Act of 2020; and be it further

14 “Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President
15 of the United States, to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the
16 House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional
17 Delegation.”.

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