

# D R A F T

## SUMMARY

Digest: Urges Congress to spend more on schooling for disabled students. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).

Urges Congress to fulfill its commitment to fully fund Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

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

4 We, your memorialists, the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly of the State  
5 of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas in 1975, Congress enacted the Education for All Handicapped  
7 Children Act (EHA) to ensure that students with a disability are provided  
8 with a free appropriate public education that is tailored to their individual  
9 needs; and

10 Whereas in 1990, EHA was reauthorized and renamed the Individuals with  
11 Disabilities Education Act (IDEA); and

12 Whereas the goal of IDEA is to provide students with disabilities the  
13 same opportunity for education as those students who do not have a disa-  
14 bility; and

15 Whereas under IDEA, the federal government committed to pay 40 percent  
16 of the average per pupil expenditure for special education; and

17 Whereas Congress has fallen short of the IDEA funding commitment ev-  
18 ery year since 1975; and

19 Whereas recent federal budgets have funded IDEA at approximately 13  
20 percent of the average per pupil expenditure for special education; and

**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.

1       Whereas according to the Congressional Research Service, the IDEA  
2 funding shortfall in the 2021-2022 school year nationwide was approximately  
3 \$24 billion; and

4       Whereas IDEA was a historic step forward, but since its passage Congress  
5 has failed to provide the funding it promised; now, therefore,

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

7       That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, respect-  
8 fully urge the Congress of the United States to fulfill its commitment to fully  
9 fund the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act; and be it further

10       Resolved, That a copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of  
11 the United States, the Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of  
12 Representatives and each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

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