

A-Engrossed House Joint Memorial 5

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Including House Amendments dated March 29

Sponsored by Representative HOLVEY, Senator BEYER; Representative BARNHART

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.

Urges Congress to continue to appropriate funds for Hanford Nuclear Reservation cleanup, with specific focus on funding for [*remediation of ground water contamination*] **expansion of existing ground water treatment systems.**

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

3 We, your memorialists, the Seventy-ninth Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legis-
4 lative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

5 Whereas the United States Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies' activities
6 producing plutonium at the Hanford Nuclear Site at Richland, Washington, created large amounts
7 of radioactive and chemical waste; and

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9 Whereas the methods used for handling radioactive and chemical waste from the Hanford Nu-
10 clear Site resulted in extensive ground water contamination; and

11 Whereas some of the contaminated ground water from the Hanford Nuclear Site enters the
12 Columbia River, causing localized contamination where plumes enter the river; and

13 Whereas cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Site has been underway since 1989, and will likely
14 continue for another 40 years or more; and

15 Whereas although significant progress has been made in reducing the flow of contaminants in
16 ground water to the Columbia River, expansion of treatment systems is still needed, especially on
17 Hanford's Central Plateau, to ensure sufficient long-term protection of the river; and

18 Whereas federal funding for the Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup is not keeping pace with actions
19 needed to continue widespread progress with the overall Hanford Nuclear Site cleanup, including
20 expansion of the ground water treatment systems; now, therefore,

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

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22 (1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to continue to appropriate and ex-
23 pend funds as necessary to support the continued cleanup of radioactive and chemical contaminants
24 at the Hanford Nuclear Site, with a specific focus on expansion of the existing ground water treat-
25 ment systems.

26 (2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to the President of the United States, to the Senate
27 Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon
28 Congressional Delegation.

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted.
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