

**A-Engrossed**  
**Senate Joint Memorial 5**

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Sponsored by Senators DEMBROW, GOLDEN; Senators FREDERICK, GELSER, GORSEK, PROZANSKI, RILEY, TAYLOR, Representatives HERNANDEZ, NOSSE, REARDON, SALINAS, WILDE (at the request of former Representative Tiffany Mitchell)

**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 enact bipartisan climate change legislation.

**JOINT MEMORIAL**

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

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

6 Whereas restoring a safe and stable climate requires urgent action on the part of the federal  
7 government to rapidly and safely draw down excess carbon from the atmosphere to protect all peo-  
8 ple and species from the increasingly severe consequences of climate change; and

9 Whereas it is imperative that the United States act as a global leader on climate change; and

10 Whereas the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will drive down America's carbon  
11 pollution while unleashing American technology, innovation and ingenuity; and

12 Whereas the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act puts a fee on fossil fuels that starts  
13 low and grows over time, driving drive down carbon pollution because energy companies, industries  
14 and consumers will move toward cleaner and cheaper options; and

15 Whereas the moneys collected from the carbon fee will be allocated in equal shares every month  
16 to the American people to spend as they see fit, helping low-income and middle-income Americans;  
17 and

18 Whereas the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is revenue-neutral, requiring that  
19 program costs be paid from the fees collected and ensuring that the federal government will not  
20 keep any moneys from the carbon fee; and

21 Whereas the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is effective, reducing America's car-  
22 bon emissions by at least 40 percent in the first 12 years; and

23 Whereas the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is good for people, improving health  
24 and saving lives; and

25 Whereas the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is good for the economy, creating 2.1  
26 million new jobs and driving economic growth in local communities across the nation; and

27 Whereas a majority of Americans, including a majority from each major political party, support  
28 the Congress of the United States taking action on climate change; 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 solving climate change is too urgent to get caught up in partisan politics; and  
2       Whereas a viable climate change solution at the federal level needs to be big and lasting, which  
3 means bipartisan legislation that has broad support from a wide variety of stakeholders; now,  
4 therefore,

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

6       That we, the members of the Eighty-first Legislative Assembly, recognize the urgent need to  
7 pursue viable solutions to the threat posed by climate change to the State of Oregon, our nation and  
8 the world; and be it further

9       Resolved, That we respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President  
10 to sign, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; and be it further

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

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