

Senate Joint Memorial 5

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SUMMARY

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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 the death and destruction already wrought by global warming of approximately 1.1
7 degrees Celsius above late 19th century levels demonstrates that Earth is already too hot for safety,
8 as attested by rising seas and increased and intensifying wildfires, floods, diseases, droughts and
9 extreme weather; and

10 Whereas climate change is driving the sixth mass extinction of species, which may pose as great
11 a risk to humanity as climate change, according to the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform
12 on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services; and

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

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

17 Whereas House Resolution 763 (H.R. 763), the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, will
18 drive down America's carbon pollution while unleashing American technology, innovation and inge-
19 nuity; and

20 Whereas H.R. 763 puts a fee on fossil fuels that starts low and grows over time, driving drive
21 down carbon pollution because energy companies, industries and consumers will move toward
22 cleaner and cheaper options; and

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

26 Whereas H.R. 763 is revenue-neutral, requiring that program costs be paid from the fees col-
27 lected and ensuring that the federal government will not keep any moneys from the carbon fee; and

28 Whereas H.R. 763 is effective, reducing America's carbon emissions by at least 40 percent in the
29 first 12 years; and

30 Whereas H.R. 763 is good for people, improving health and saving lives; and

31 Whereas H.R. 763 is good for the economy, creating 2.1 million new jobs and driving economic

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1 growth in local communities across the nation; and

2 Whereas a majority of Americans, including a majority from each major political party, support
3 the Congress of the United States taking action on climate change; and

4 Whereas solving climate change is too urgent to get caught up in partisan politics; and

5 Whereas a viable climate change solution at the federal level needs to be big and lasting, which
6 means bipartisan legislation that has broad support from a wide variety of stakeholders; now,
7 therefore,

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

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

12 Resolved, That we respectfully urge the Congress of the United States to pass, and the President
13 to sign, House Resolution 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act; and be it further

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

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