

House Joint Memorial 1

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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 **as introduced**. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

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 the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

JOINT MEMORIAL

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

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

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

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

Whereas the goal of IDEA is to provide students with disabilities the same opportunity for education as those students who do not have a disability; and

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

Whereas Congress has fallen short of the IDEA funding commitment every year since 1975; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.