

# House Joint Memorial 5

Sponsored by Representative EVANS (Pre-session filed.)

## 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 changes in how U.S. moneys are spent on education. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.3).

Urges the President, the United States Secretary of Education and Congress to continue to expand public funding for kindergarten through 12th grade public education and to refrain from siphoning off public school funding to support school voucher and private charter school programs.

## JOINT MEMORIAL

To the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of Education 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 an informed citizenry capable of reasoned decision-making is a cornerstone upon which a democratic republic is maintained; and

Whereas an informed citizenry capable of reasoned decision-making is possible only if broad access to public kindergarten through 12th grade education exists; and

Whereas the United States Secretary of Education in some prior administrations has made statements promoting the use of publicly funded school vouchers for use at private, charter and online schools; and

Whereas the United States Secretary of Education in some prior administrations has supported the proliferation of private charter schools; and

Whereas creating publicly funded voucher systems while reducing funding for public schools will have a major negative impact on public schools in the State of Oregon and in the nation as a whole; and

Whereas the appropriation and redirection of public moneys away from public schools and toward nonpublic beneficiaries endangers the public school system that is a foundation of our democracy and represents a threat to the very fabric of the State of Oregon and the United States; 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 President, the United States Secretary of Education and the Congress of the United States to continue to expand public funding for kindergarten through 12th grade public education in this state and nation; and be it further

Resolved, That we strongly urge the President, the United States Secretary of Education and Congress to refrain from siphoning off public school funding to support unproven and risky school voucher and private charter school programs; and be it further

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

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