

Senate Joint Memorial 3

Sponsored by Senator GIROD (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: The measure makes a request of the President and the federal government. The measure asks for money for property damage caused by fires that start on federal lands. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.7).

Urges the establishment and funding of a federal system to reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage to real property that results from the spreading of wildfires originating on federal lands.

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-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legisla-
5 tive session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

6 Whereas the United States has adopted and administered management policies for federal lands
7 that have resulted in the undue accumulation of slash, wood waste and other debris in high volumes;
8 and

9 Whereas the accumulation of slash, wood waste and other debris on federal lands greatly in-
10 creases the difficulty of preventing wildfires and hampers the containment and extinguishing of
11 wildfires that originate on federal lands; and

12 Whereas the United States has adopted and administered wildfire fighting policies for federal
13 lands that inhibit the rapid and effective employment of resources to fight wildfires before the
14 wildfires can spread from federal lands; and

15 Whereas the spreading of wildfires originating on federal lands has caused significant damage
16 to state and local government real property and private real property in Oregon and elsewhere, in-
17 cluding the loss of numerous homes; now, therefore,

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

19 That we, the members of the Eighty-third Legislative Assembly, respectfully urge the President
20 and Congress of the United States to provide and fund an expedient and efficient system to fully
21 reimburse state and local government property owners and private property owners for damage to
22 real property that results from the spreading of wildfires originating on federal lands; and be it
23 further

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