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Requested by Senator GOLDEN

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 28**

1 Delete lines 5 through 17 of the printed joint resolution and insert:

2 **“SECTION 48. (1) All people, including children and future gener-**
3 **ations, have the inherent fundamental right to a clean, safe and**
4 **healthy environment, including but not limited to clean air, clean**
5 **water, thriving ecosystems and a stable climate system. This right**
6 **shall not be abridged unless justified by a compelling state interest**
7 **achieved by the means least restrictive of the right.**

8 **“(2) All of Oregon’s public natural resources are the common**
9 **property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As**
10 **trustee of these resources with affirmative fiduciary obligations, the**
11 **state shall conserve and maintain public natural resources against**
12 **substantial impairment for the benefit of all people.**

13 **“(3) Any person may obtain declaratory or equitable relief to en-**
14 **force the rights and duties guaranteed under this section against state**
15 **action or inaction allowing harm, or the threat of harm, to public**
16 **safety or health. Prevailing parties securing protection of rights or**
17 **enforcement of duties under this section shall be entitled to costs of**
18 **litigation, including reasonable attorney and expert witness fees. The**
19 **rights and duties guaranteed under this section are self-executing and**
20 **enforceable upon enactment, without implementing legislation or ex-**
21 **haustion of other remedies.”.**

