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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 22**

1 On page 1 of the printed joint memorial, delete lines 9 through 31 and  
2 insert:

3 “Whereas Interstate 5, as it leaves Vancouver, Washington, and enters  
4 Portland, Oregon, crosses the one-half mile wide Columbia River, which  
5 separates these two metropolitan cities; and

6 “Whereas the segment of Interstate 5 between these two cities contains  
7 seven interchanges and two bridges known as the ‘Columbia Crossing’; and

8 “Whereas more than \$40 billion dollars in interstate and international  
9 commerce flows over the Columbia Crossing to nearby ports, businesses and  
10 distribution facilities annually; and

11 “Whereas the current design and condition of the Interstate 5 bridges,  
12 interstate highway and interchanges within the Columbia Crossing present  
13 serious safety, quality of life, economic vitality and environmental issues  
14 that greatly affect the region and the State of Oregon; and

15 “Whereas the existing Interstate 5 bridges and interchanges within the  
16 Columbia Crossing are not constructed to modern building standards and  
17 would be vulnerable to a major earthquake; and

18 “Whereas the design and condition of the Columbia Crossing contribute  
19 to over 400 traffic accidents annually, contribute to significant congestion  
20 and impede freight mobility; and

21 “Whereas the States of Oregon and Washington, after 10 years of con-  
22 certed effort, have developed a proposal known as the ‘Columbia River

1 Crossing Project' to address these issues; and

2 "Whereas the Columbia River Crossing Project, when approved, would  
3 constitute a Project of National and Regional Significance and a crucial  
4 transportation project that would expand the capacity of the Interstate 5  
5 bridges, interchanges and highway within the Columbia Crossing; and

6 "Whereas the Columbia River Crossing Project would create many new  
7 and sustainable jobs by providing vastly improved access to ports, the met-  
8 ropolitan areas and interstate highways; and

9 "Whereas the Columbia River Crossing Project must meet both the needs  
10 of local residents and the needs of Oregon's and Washington's statewide  
11 business communities to move people to work and products to market safely  
12 and effectively; and

13 "Whereas the Columbia River Crossing Project is one solution that ad-  
14 dresses the major issues of public safety, economic vitality and the environ-  
15 ment; and

16 "Whereas the Oregon Legislative Assembly acknowledges that the  
17 Columbia River Crossing Project, when finalized and approved, would be  
18 paid for by federal, state and local funding; and

19 "Whereas the State of Oregon and the State of Washington, to provide  
20 clear accountability and responsibility for decision-making, are together de-  
21 veloping and finalizing a governing structure for the Columbia River Cross-  
22 ing Project that must be reviewed and approved by the legislatures of both  
23 states; and

24 "Whereas the taxpayers of Oregon expect the Oregon Legislative Assem-  
25 bly to retain oversight and authority over major Columbia River Crossing  
26 Project decisions and all decisions regarding payment of the cost of the  
27 Columbia River Crossing Project; and

28 "Whereas Oregon's Legislative Assembly will hold Oregon's Department  
29 of Transportation accountable and responsible for the Columbia River  
30 Crossing Project, when and as approved, and will require Oregon's Depart-

1 ment of Transportation to report to Oregon’s Legislative Assembly on a  
2 regular basis regarding the status of the Columbia River Crossing Project;  
3 and

4 “Whereas the State of Oregon and the State of Washington will continue  
5 to cooperate in the development of the Columbia River Crossing Project so  
6 that it is completed in a timely manner and within budget; now,  
7 therefore,”.

8 On page 2, delete lines 1 through 7.

9 Delete lines 9 through 12 and insert:

10 “(1) The Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly respectfully urges the federal  
11 government of the United States of America to join with the States of  
12 Oregon and Washington to invest federal highway and transit funding in the  
13 building, rebuilding and modernization of the bridges, interchanges and  
14 interstate highway within the Columbia Crossing area, in recognition of the  
15 national benefits inherent in the area.”.

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