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House Joint Resolution 20

Ordered by the House May 10
Including House Amendments dated May 10

Sponsored by Representatives HANSEN, G SMITH

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.

Urges Governor's office to apply to Commission on Presidential Debates to enable [*Portland*] **Oregon** to host 2008 General Election presidential debate.

JOINT RESOLUTION

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2 Whereas a presidential debate is one of the most prestigious international forums in the world;
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4 Whereas the debate would be the largest international event that Oregon has hosted since the
5 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition; and

6 Whereas the Commission on Presidential Debates would credential more than 2,000 visiting
7 journalists representing the largest news organizations in the world to visit Oregon; and

8 Whereas *ABC World News Tonight, CBS Evening News, NBC Nightly News* and *Fox News* have
9 all historically broadcast live from the debate site; and

10 Whereas the unprecedented international visibility of hosting a presidential debate is an oppor-
11 tunity to promote Oregon companies and Oregon products to larger markets; and

12 Whereas presidential candidates and their national advisors coming to Oregon is an opportunity
13 to expose them to important issues affecting Oregon business such as international trade, high
14 technology and natural resources; now, therefore,

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

16 That in November 2005 the Governor's office is urged to begin the application process to the
17 Commission on Presidential Debates in Washington, D.C., to earn Oregon the opportunity to host
18 one of the three 2008 General Election presidential debates.

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