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Senate Joint Memorial 4

Sponsored by Senators RINGO, GEORGE

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Seventy-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, P.L. 108-447, allows the federal land management agencies to charge access fees for recreational use of federally managed public lands by the general public; and

Whereas these public lands access fees have been highly controversial and are opposed by hundreds of organizations and county governments, by three state legislatures and by millions of rural Americans; and

Whereas the Act fundamentally changes the way America's public lands are funded and managed; and

Whereas the Act includes harsh criminal penalties out of proportion to the harm caused by failing to comply with its provisions; and

Whereas federal policies regarding management of public lands have a profound impact on the well-being of the citizens of Oregon and changes to those policies should be conducted in an open public forum; and

Whereas the Act was never approved by the United States House, was never introduced, never had hearings and was never approved by the United States Senate, but was instead attached to an omnibus spending bill as an appropriations rider; now, therefore,

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

(1) The Congress of the United States is respectfully urged to repeal the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, P.L. 108-447.

(2) A copy of this memorial shall be sent to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by Senate March 22, 2005

Secretary of Senate

President of Senate

Adopted by House June 2, 2005

Speaker of House