

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4017

54th Legislature
1996 Regular Session

Passed by the House January 12, 1996
Yeas 92 Nays 0

**Speaker of the
House of Representatives**

Passed by the Senate February 28, 1996
Yeas 46 Nays 0

President of the Senate

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 4017** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

Chief Clerk

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Representatives Thompson, Fuhrman, Stevens, G. Fisher, Elliot, Sheldon, Cairnes, B. Thomas, Beeksma, Schoesler and Horn

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1 TO THE HONORABLE BILL CLINTON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AND
2 TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF
3 REPRESENTATIVES, AND TO THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 UNITED STATES, IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
6 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
7 represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, Nonnative noxious weeds pose a substantial and significant
9 threat to the economic welfare of the citizens of the state of
10 Washington in that noxious weeds are detrimental or destructive of
11 crops, fruit, trees, shrubs, valuable plants, forage, other
12 cultivation, and agricultural plants or produce; and

13 WHEREAS, In recognition of the substantial threat to economic
14 welfare, the state of Washington has mandated the control and
15 eradication of nonnative noxious weeds on all privately held and state-
16 held lands, which has up to this time been effectively managed by the
17 state of Washington; and

18 WHEREAS, Nonnative noxious weeds continue to proliferate and
19 burgeon on lands that are the property of the United States of America,
20 or under the control of the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, The failure of the federal government of the United States
2 to control or eradicate nonnative noxious weeds poses a substantial and
3 significant threat to the economic welfare of the citizens of the state
4 of Washington in that these weeds are detrimental or destructive of
5 crops, fruits, trees, shrubs, valuable plants, forage, other
6 cultivation, and agricultural plants or produce; and

7 WHEREAS, This nonfeasance and malfeasance of the federal
8 government, committed by and through the principal instrumentality of
9 the United States Forest Service, is in direct violation of federal law
10 and regulation; namely, the Carlson-Foley Act and Federal Noxious Weed
11 Act; and

12 WHEREAS, The previously mentioned unrestrained propagation and
13 exponential reproduction of nonnative noxious weeds is an exigent
14 economic and agricultural peril; and

15 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that Congress
16 recognize the enormous threat to the economic and agricultural welfare
17 of the state of Washington, caused by the failure of the federal
18 government to control or eradicate the agricultural and economic
19 menacing nonnative noxious weeds, within the borders of the state of
20 Washington and upon property of the United States of America or
21 property under control of the United States, and as such, immediately
22 direct all federal instrumentalities and agencies managing or
23 controlling this property to comply with all relevant laws and
24 regulations regarding control or eradication of nonnative noxious weeds
25 in the state of Washington; and

26 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
27 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
28 States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
29 House of Representatives, and each member of Congress from the State of
30 Washington.

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