
HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4019

State of Washington

55th Legislature

1997 Regular Session

By Representatives Boldt, Dunn, Sump, Pennington, Mielke, McMorris,
Koster and Clements

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 TO THE HONORABLE PHILIP E. BATT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IDAHO; THE
2 HONORABLE JOHN KITZHABER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OREGON; THE
3 PRESIDENT OF THE IDAHO STATE SENATE; THE PRESIDENT OF THE OREGON STATE
4 SENATE; THE SPEAKER OF THE IDAHO STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE
5 SPEAKER OF THE OREGON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO THE IDAHO
6 STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE OREGON STATE SENATE
7 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

8 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
9 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
10 represent and petition as follows:

11 WHEREAS, Due to federal legislative action by the Honorable William
12 J. Clinton, President of the United States, and the Senate and House of
13 Representatives of the United States, the nature of the federal public
14 assistance system is undergoing the most dramatic change in the past
15 sixty years; and

16 WHEREAS, Federal legislation requires that states be increasingly
17 diligent concerning how public assistance moneys are spent and compels
18 states to ensure that those who are receiving public assistance are
19 truly in need; and

1 WHEREAS, States now have the opportunity to design and administer
2 income assistance programs that may be substantially and materially
3 different than programs in bordering states; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a small percentage of the population that receive
5 or seek or attempt to receive public assistance in a fraudulent manner
6 and in effect take limited assistance resources away from the truly
7 needy; and

8 WHEREAS, There is substantial concern that a significant amount of
9 interstate public assistance fraud already exists and that recent
10 changes in public assistance laws may greatly increase the potential
11 for this type of criminal activity;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that a tristate
13 committee dealing with interstate public assistance fraud be
14 established between and among the states of Idaho, Oregon, and
15 Washington for the purposes of developing cooperative relationships
16 aimed at creating effective strategies to deal with the problems of
17 interstate public assistance fraud.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
19 transmitted to the Honorable Philip E. Batt, Governor of the State of
20 Idaho; the Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of Oregon;
21 the President of the Idaho State Senate; the President of the Oregon
22 State Senate; the Speaker of the Idaho State House of Representatives;
23 the Speaker of the Oregon State House of Representatives; and to the
24 Idaho State Senate and House of Representatives and the Oregon State
25 Senate and House of Representatives.

--- END ---