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By Representatives Dunn, B. Chandler and Carlson

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1            TO THE HONORABLE JOHN KITZHABER, GOVERNOR OF OREGON, AND TO THE  
2            PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
3            OF THE STATE OF OREGON, AND TO THE MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4            STATE OF OREGON:

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, Many residents of the State of Washington work at jobs  
9            located in Oregon; and

10           WHEREAS, These workers contribute significantly to the vitality and  
11           prosperity of the Oregon economy; and

12           WHEREAS, The states of Washington and Oregon have chosen greatly  
13           different tax systems whereby Oregon taxes income and Washington taxes  
14           consumption; and

15           WHEREAS, Clark County Washington residents pay more in personal  
16           income tax to Oregon than do the residents of twenty-nine Oregon  
17           counties; and

18           WHEREAS, Washington residents working in Oregon must pay taxes to  
19           two states: Income taxes to Oregon and sales taxes to Washington; and

1       WHEREAS, The amount of income taxes paid by Washington residents to  
2 Oregon greatly exceed the cost of public services they receive from  
3 Oregon; and

4       WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the State of Oregon and the  
5 State of Washington to adopt policies that will benefit the economic  
6 vitality of both states;

7       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the  
8 Legislature of the State of Oregon ensure more fair treatment of  
9 Washington residents working in Oregon by reducing the Oregon income  
10 tax to a level commensurate with services received by these Washington  
11 residents.

12       BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
13 transmitted to the Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of  
14 Oregon, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
15 Representatives of the State of Oregon, and each member of the  
16 Legislature of the State of Oregon.

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