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3 By Senators McCaslin and Morton

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5 Beginning on page 1, line 1, strike all material through
6 "Washington." on page 2, line 11, and insert the following:

7 "TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATES
8 OF IDAHO AND OREGON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

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

12 WHEREAS, Since statehood, the lifestyles, culture, and economies of
13 Eastern and Western Washington have been very distinct; and

14 WHEREAS, A similar distinction is also true of Eastern and Western
15 Oregon; and

16 WHEREAS, The similarities between Eastern Washington, Eastern
17 Oregon, and Idaho and Western Washington and Western Oregon are
18 dramatic; and

19 WHEREAS, Urbanization and rapid growth in the western portions of
20 Washington and Oregon has progressively heightened this divergence of
21 cultural and economic values from that of the eastern portions of the
22 states; and

23 WHEREAS, A reconsideration of the state boundary lines of
24 Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in light of these divergences and
25 similarities is in order; and

26 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislature is currently considering
27 legislation that would create a select committee composed of two
28 members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives
29 to review state boundaries and to review the feasibility of boundary
30 line changes and the process to accomplish such changes; and

31 WHEREAS, Washington State's select committee to review state
32 boundaries seeks to meet and work with similar committees established
33 by the Idaho and Oregon Legislatures;

34 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the Senate
35 and House of Representatives of the States of Idaho and Oregon join the
36 State of Washington in creating their own state select committees to
37 review state boundaries, and that these committees meet with the State

1 of Washington's select committee in order to review state boundary
2 issues.

3 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
4 transmitted to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House
5 of Representatives of the States of Idaho and Oregon."

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