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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 4010**

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**By** House Committee on Finance (originally sponsored by Representatives Dunn, Fromhold, Pennington, Ogden, Hatfield, Mielke, Boldt and Grant)

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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 of  
11 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, Washington residents pay over one hundred million dollars  
16 in income tax to Oregon; and

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

20 WHEREAS, Washington residents working in Oregon must pay taxes to  
21 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 exceeds the cost of public services they receive from  
3 Oregon;

4       NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully urge the Legislature  
5 of the State of Oregon to ensure fair tax treatment of Washington  
6 residents working in Oregon by reducing the Oregon income tax to a  
7 level commensurate with services received by these Washington  
8 residents.

9       BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington Legislature again reiterates  
10 that Clark County residents voted by over seventy percent to reject a  
11 light rail plan from Portland to Vancouver; and

12       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington Legislature believes  
13 that I-5 on the Oregon side of the Columbia River needs to be widened;  
14 and

15       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Washington Legislature encourages  
16 Oregon legislators to meet with Washington legislators at the annual  
17 meeting of the Pacific Northwest Economic Region; and

18       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately  
19 transmitted to the Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of  
20 Oregon, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives of the State of Oregon, and each member of the  
22 Legislature of the State of Oregon.

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