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3 By Committee on Ecology & Parks

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5 On page 1, after line 8, strike the remainder of the joint memorial
6 and insert the following:

7 "WHEREAS, The federal government, in an effort to protect the
8 national security of the United States, established the Hanford site in
9 Central Washington in 1943; and

10 WHEREAS, During the course of the past five decades, many
11 dangerous, toxic, and nuclear wastes were disposed of or stored at the
12 site; and

13 WHEREAS, Two-thirds of the volume of nuclear waste in the entire
14 United States is stored at Hanford; and

15 WHEREAS, The Department of Energy has been tasked with overseeing
16 the cleanup of the site; and

17 WHEREAS, Millions of dollars have been expended at Hanford for
18 environmental cleanup; and

19 WHEREAS, The United States General Accounting Office estimates that
20 a significant amount of the cleanup funds have been expended on
21 administrative and legal activities; and

22 WHEREAS, The federal government agreed under the "Tri-Party
23 Agreement" to a series of milestones to clean up the site; and

24 WHEREAS, Key milestones in this agreement cannot be met if the
25 Department of Energy does not follow through on its proposal to reduce
26 cleanup funding at the Hanford site; and

27 WHEREAS, The federal government has now announced that four
28 thousand five hundred jobs will be eliminated as a result of these
29 cuts; and

30 WHEREAS, These cuts will delay the cleanup and increase its cost.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that the
32 federal government work with Washington State and local officials to
33 eliminate duplicative Department of Energy orders, streamline paperwork
34 requirements, and otherwise reduce unnecessary costs so that full and
35 adequate funding may be available for environmental cleanup; that it
36 begin immediately to construct the facilities necessary to implement
37 cleanup of the Hanford site; and that it maintain its commitment to

1 funding and implementing all the key milestones of the "Tri-Party
2 Agreement."

3 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
4 transmitted to the Honorable Bill Clinton, President of the United
5 States, the Secretary of the Department of Energy, the President of the
6 United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and
7 each member of Congress from the State of Washington."

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