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House Joint Memorial 3

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON RULES (at the request of Representative Julie Fahey)

To the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

We, your memorialists, the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, in legislative session assembled, respectfully represent as follows:

Whereas Article V of the United States Constitution establishes methods for proposing and adopting amendments to the United States Constitution; and

Whereas one method of proposing amendments to the United States Constitution involves the calling of an amendment convention upon the application to Congress of the legislatures of at least two-thirds of the states of the United States; and

Whereas over the decades, the Legislative Assembly has submitted applications to Congress for the calling of an amendment convention on various topics; and

Whereas no application of the Legislative Assembly, when combined with the applications of other states on the same topic, has been sufficient to meet the two-thirds threshold required by the United States Constitution, so no application of the Legislative Assembly has resulted in Congress calling an amendment convention; and

Whereas the reasoning the Legislative Assembly previously relied upon in applying for an amendment convention may now be outdated, irrelevant or invalid; and

Whereas outstanding applications for an amendment convention may no longer reflect the will of the Legislative Assembly; and

Whereas changing facts and reasoning warrant declaring all outstanding applications for an amendment convention to be null and void; and

Whereas the ever-changing needs and circumstances of the people of the State of Oregon warrant establishing a 50-year sunset on any future applications for an amendment convention that are made by the Legislative Assembly; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

That we, the members of the Eighty-second Legislative Assembly, respectfully inform the Congress of the United States that all applications for an amendment convention under Article V of the United States Constitution that the Legislative Assembly has made before the effective date of chapter ______, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 3625), are withdrawn and are null and void; and be it further

Resolved, That on the effective date of chapter ______, Oregon Laws 2023 (Enrolled House Bill 3625), a copy of this memorial be sent to the Senate Majority Leader, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to each member of the Oregon Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by House June 13, 2023
Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House
Dan Rayfield, Speaker of House
Adopted by Senate June 24, 2023
Rob Wagner, President of Senate