House Joint Resolution 9

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER (Presession filed.)

SUMMARY

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Urges Governor to withdraw from Western Climate Initiative.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Whereas there has been no credible economic analysis of the costs associated with carbon reduction mandates and the consequential effects of an increase in the costs of doing business in Oregon; and

Whereas forcing business, industry and food producers to reduce carbon emissions through government mandates and cap-and-trade policies under consideration for the Western Climate Initiative will increase the cost of doing business, push companies to do business with other states or nations and increase consumer costs for electricity, fuel and food; and

Whereas the Congressional Budget Office warns that the cost of cap-and-trade policies will be borne by consumers and will place a disproportionately high burden on poorer families; and

Whereas simply reducing carbon emissions in Oregon will not have a significant impact on international carbon reduction, especially while countries like China, Russia, Mexico and India emit an ever increasing amount of carbon into the atmosphere; and

Whereas a tremendous amount of economic growth would be sacrificed for a reduction in carbon emissions that would have no appreciable impact on global concentrations of carbon dioxide; and

Whereas no state or nation has enhanced economic opportunities for its residents or increased gross domestic product through cap-and-trade or other carbon reduction policies; and

Whereas Europe's cap-and-trade system has been undermined by political favoritism and accounting tricks, and has failed to achieve the carbon reduction targets; now, therefore,

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

We, the members of the Seventy-sixth Legislative Assembly, urge the Governor to withdraw from the Western Climate Initiative.

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