

1 **HJM 4019 - H AMD 198**

2 By Representative Boldt

3 On page 1, after line 7 strike everything and insert the
4 following:

5 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives
6 of the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled,
7 respectfully represent and petition as follows:

8 WHEREAS, Due to federal legislative action by the Honorable
9 William J. Clinton, President of United States, and the Senate and
10 House of Representatives of United States, the nature of the
11 federal public assistance system is undergoing the most dramatic
12 change in the past sixty years; and

13 WHEREAS, Federal legislation requires that states be
14 increasingly diligent concerning how public assistant monies are
15 spent and compels states to ensure that those who are receiving
16 public assistance are truly in need; and

17 WHEREAS, States will have the opportunity to design and
18 administer income assistance programs that may be substantially and
19 materially different from bordering states; and

20 WHEREAS, There is an increased need for better communications
21 and coordination between bordering states regarding interstate
22 public assistance policies; and

23 WHEREAS, There is concern that interstate public assistance
24 fraud exists and that the recent changes in public assistance laws
25 may increase the potential for this type of activity; and

26 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Washington State Legislature
27 to appoint four members of the Legislature to a tristate committee
28 dealing with interstate public assistance policies, to consist of
29 one member each from the majority and minority caucuses of the
30 house to be appointed by the speaker of the house of
31 representatives and one member each from the majority and minority
32 caucuses of the senate to be appointed by the majority leader of
33 the senate, for the purpose of meeting at least once prior to
34 November 1, 1997;

35 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that a
36 tri-state committee dealing with interstate public assistance

1 policies be established among the states of Idaho, Oregon, and
2 Washington for the purposes of developing cooperative relationships
3 aimed at creating effective strategies to deal with the issues
4 surrounding interstate public assistance policies.

5 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
6 transmitted to the Honorable Philip E. Batt, Governor of the State
7 of Idaho; The Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of
8 Oregon, the President of the Idaho State Senate; the President of
9 the Oregon State Senate; the Speaker of the Idaho State House of
10 Representatives; the Speaker of the Oregon State House of
11 Representatives, and to the Idaho State Senate and House of
12 Representatives and the Oregon State Senate and House of
13 Representatives.