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1 TO THE HONORABLE PHILIP E. BATT, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IDAHO;
2 THE HONORABLE JOHN KITZHABER, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OREGON; THE
3 PRESIDENT OF THE IDAHO STATE SENATE; THE PRESIDENT OF THE OREGON STATE
4 SENATE; THE SPEAKER OF THE IDAHO STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; THE
5 SPEAKER OF THE OREGON STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND TO THE IDAHO
6 STATE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE OREGON STATE SENATE
7 AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

8 We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of
9 the State of Washington, in legislative session assembled, respectfully
10 represent and petition as follows:

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

16 WHEREAS, Federal legislation requires that states be increasingly
17 diligent concerning how public assistant moneys are spent and compels
18 states to ensure that those who are receiving public assistance are
19 truly in need; and

1 WHEREAS, States will have the opportunity to design and administer
2 income assistance programs that may be substantially and materially
3 different than bordering states; and

4 WHEREAS, There is a small percentage of the population who receive
5 and seek or attempt to receive public assistance in a fraudulent manner
6 and in effect take limited assistance resources away from the truly
7 needy; and

8 WHEREAS, There is concern that a significant amount of interstate
9 public assistance fraud already exists and that the recent changes in
10 public assistance laws will increase the potential for this type of
11 criminal activity;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, Your Memorialists respectfully pray that a tristate
13 committee dealing with interstate public assistance fraud be
14 established among the states of Idaho, Oregon, and Washington for the
15 purposes of developing cooperative relationships aimed at creating
16 effective strategies to deal with the problem of interstate public
17 assistance fraud.

18 BE IT RESOLVED, That copies of this Memorial be immediately
19 transmitted to the Honorable Philip E. Batt, Governor of the State of
20 Idaho; the Honorable John Kitzhaber, Governor of the State of Oregon;
21 the President of the Idaho State Senate; the President of the Oregon
22 State Senate; the Speaker of the Idaho State House of Representatives;
23 the Speaker of the Oregon State House of Representatives; and to the
24 Idaho State Senate and House of Representatives and the Oregon State
25 Senate and House of Representatives.

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