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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402**

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**By** Senate Committee on Education (originally sponsored by Senators Murray, Bailey, Rinehart, A. Smith and Pelz).

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1       WHEREAS, The quality of education is improved when educational  
2 employees and educational support staff are able to work and live in  
3 the same community; and

4       WHEREAS, In many areas of the state affordable housing is becoming  
5 an increasingly scarce commodity; and

6       WHEREAS, The average cost of purchasing a house in large  
7 metropolitan areas of this state is in excess of one hundred sixty-five  
8 thousand dollars with monthly payments for mortgage, taxes, and  
9 insurance of almost sixteen hundred dollars a month; and

10       WHEREAS, A person would need an annual income of at least fifty-  
11 three thousand dollars to qualify for a loan on a house; and

12       WHEREAS, The highest paid teacher in the state only makes forty-two  
13 thousand dollars a year and that teacher is required to have a PhD and  
14 fifteen or more years' experience and a beginning teacher earns between  
15 twenty thousand dollars with a BA and twenty-three thousand nine

1 hundred eighty dollars with an MA and classified employees make  
2 substantially less; and

3 WHEREAS, Many educational employees cannot afford to live in the  
4 areas in which they work making it more difficult for those educational  
5 employees to maintain vital links with the school community including  
6 participation in after school activities; and

7 WHEREAS, Housing assistance programs for educational employees  
8 would help school districts and the state recruit and retain qualified  
9 educational employees and improve the quality of education by enabling  
10 those employees to live in the same communities as do the students; and

11 WHEREAS, Programs are being designed around the country to help  
12 employees obtain affordable housing including group mortgage  
13 origination, closing cost subsidies, mortgage guarantees, group  
14 mortgage insurance, down payment loans, mortgage buydown programs, and  
15 the purchase of mortgagebacked securities; and

16 WHEREAS, Both private entities and the housing finance commission  
17 exist in the state of Washington that are able to establish housing  
18 assistance programs for educational employees;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
20 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the  
21 establishment of housing assistance programs for certificated and  
22 classified educational employees be encouraged and that the housing  
23 finance commission and private entities be encouraged to establish  
24 those programs; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Legislature recognizes that  
26 encouraging the provision of housing assistance to educational  
27 employees in the state of Washington will be an important inducement  
28 towards creating and maintaining excellent educational employees and  
29 thus a high quality education system in the state of Washington; and

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit  
2 copies of this resolution to the Housing Finance Commission, the  
3 Department of Community Development, Housing Division, to distribute to  
4 interested parties throughout the state of Washington, to the  
5 Washington State School Directors Association to make available to  
6 school boards across the state, to the Washington Education  
7 Association, other labor organizations, and to the Superintendent of  
8 Public Instruction.