
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8427

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By Senators Saling, Moore, Matson and Jesernig

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1 WHEREAS, Washington State needs to insure excellence in education
2 and training for its citizens working in high-technology industries;
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4 WHEREAS, The education and capability of its work force is the
5 single most important factor in economic competitiveness; and

6 WHEREAS, The state needs to provide a climate where new and
7 emerging high-technology industries can develop; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington State needs to continually expand its economic
9 base by insuring business investment and expansion; and

10 WHEREAS, There is a need to support industry with science,
11 engineering, and technology related programs that produce graduates and
12 enable Washington-based high-technology firms to recruit locally and
13 provide opportunities to Washington citizens that will improve the
14 quality of life in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, There is a need to represent key institutions and agencies
16 in the planning and development of high-technology industries, and to

1 cooperate in decisions that promote and provide for growth in high-
2 technology industries; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to affect and educate the policymakers of
4 the state to maintain and improve the educational opportunities that
5 support high-technology investment;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
7 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a preliminary
8 study be completed and submitted to the Legislature no later than
9 December 15, 1992; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study shall identify the main
11 issues related to becoming a leader in high-technology education.
12 Efforts are needed by business, state and local government, and
13 educational institutions to respond to high-technology needs. The
14 study will make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on
15 the steps needed to insure Washington State will become a leader in
16 high-technology in the future; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor shall appoint a High-
18 Technology Study Committee for the purpose of this resolution.
19 Representation on the Committee shall insure an adequate number of
20 members from both Eastern and Western Washington. Representatives
21 shall include the chair and the ranking minority member of both the
22 House of Representatives and Senate Commerce Committees and the House
23 of Representatives and Senate Higher Education Committees, one member
24 from the Department of Trade and Economic Development, one member from
25 the Higher Education Coordinating Board, three chief executive officers
26 of high-technology corporations, and three other members chosen among
27 the citizens at large representing business, labor, government, or
28 educational institutions; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Committee shall be authorized to
30 hold meetings, solicit funds, and conduct studies as needed to meet the

1 objectives of the resolution. No state funds are appropriated for this
2 purpose.