
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8419

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1 WHEREAS, Sustainable development involves promoting human well-
2 being and meeting critical economic needs while ensuring that our
3 natural and physical resources and the natural environment are managed
4 in a manner: That does not compromise the ability of future
5 generations to meet their needs; safeguarding the life-supporting
6 capacity of our air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and avoiding,
7 remediating, or mitigating, to the greatest extent practicable, the
8 adverse effects on the environment of use and development; and

9 WHEREAS, The goal of making business practices and environmental
10 quality compatible with economic vitality cannot be achieved without
11 ensuring that environmental preservation and protection statutes and
12 regulations are consistent and necessary to serve that public purpose;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, The business community needs a stable framework of
15 economic and environmental statutes and regulations to be able to make
16 long-range plans and to invest in the best available technology; and

17 WHEREAS, The state of Washington is confronted with economic and
18 social problems and our natural resources are increasingly threatened,
19 requiring a stronger partnership among businesses, government agencies,
20 and environmental groups and other organizations to develop and

1 implement an urgently needed strategy for environmental protection,
2 natural resources conservation, and sustained economic output; and

3 WHEREAS, There must be wise and responsible stewardship exercised
4 to maximize both environmental quality and economic productivity in the
5 state;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
7 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
8 select committee on sustainable development be established to:

9 (1) Evaluate current resource limitations;

10 (2) Study and analyze models of sustainable development locally and
11 in other states and nations;

12 (3) Highlight existing programs within the state which follow the
13 precepts of sustainable development;

14 (4) Develop a comprehensive framework for sustainable development
15 for the state that contains the following elements:

16 (a) Principles of sustainable development;

17 (b) Environmental quality objectives;

18 (c) Economic and environmental sustainability indicators;

19 (d) Integration of environmental considerations in economic and
20 community development programs;

21 (e) Local or regional planning;

22 (f) Environmental education;

23 (g) Mechanisms for public private partnerships and
24 intergovernmental cooperation; and

25 (h) Financial or market-based incentives to encourage innovation;

26 (5) Encourage cooperative regional efforts to promote sustainable
27 development; and

28 (6) Make recommendations regarding legislative and regulatory
29 changes necessary to implement the plan; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall consist of twelve
31 voting members appointed as follows:

32 (1) Three members from each caucus of the Senate, selected by the
33 president of the Senate: One member from each caucus shall be a member
34 of the Senate committee on trade, technology and economic development
35 and one member from each caucus shall be a member of the Senate
36 committee on ecology and parks; and

37 (2) Three members from each caucus of the House of Representatives,
38 selected by the speaker of the House of Representatives: One member
39 from each caucus shall be a member of the House committee on trade,

1 economic development and housing and one member from each caucus shall
2 be a member of the House committee on environmental affairs; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall also consist of
4 four voting members appointed as follows:

5 (1) Two members representing the governor's office;

6 (2) The director of the department of community, trade, and
7 economic development or the director's representative; and

8 (3) The director of the department of ecology or the director's
9 representative; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee use legislative staff
11 and facilities and may request assistance from state agencies to carry
12 out the mandates of this resolution. All expenses of the committee
13 shall be paid jointly by the Senate and House of Representatives; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall present its plan
15 to the governor and the legislature by the commencement of the 1995
16 regular session of the legislature. The committee shall cease to exist
17 on April 1, 1995, unless the legislature determines it is necessary to
18 extend the committee to continue required analysis and legislative
19 oversight for proper implementation.

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