
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8421

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By Senate Committee on Trade, Technology & Economic Development (originally sponsored by Senators Skratek, Newhouse, Vognild, Moore, Amondson, Prentice, Sutherland, Fraser, McAuliffe, Snyder, M. Rasmussen and Winsley)

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1 WHEREAS, The legislature continues to recognize the vital role that
2 training and retraining programs and services play in equipping the
3 state's work force and businesses to be competitive in global markets;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Legislative action in recent years establishing the Work
6 Force Training and Education Coordinating Board was an integral step in
7 developing a strategic approach to work force development in
8 Washington; and

9 WHEREAS, The Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board
10 is developing the state's first comprehensive plan for work force
11 training; and

12 WHEREAS, A recent report of the 1993 Joint Legislative Task Force
13 on Unemployment Insurance highlighted the need for greater coordination
14 between the existing sixty-three training and education and related
15 programs contained in thirteen agencies within state government; and

16 WHEREAS, The federal government has initiated a major policy
17 initiative within the United States Department of Labor to better serve
18 the training and retraining needs of the unemployed within the United
19 States; and

20 WHEREAS, The sixty-three training and education and related
21 programs and the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board's

1 comprehensive plan span the subject areas of at least eight standing
2 committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives; and

3 WHEREAS, The legislature seeks to address the challenges and
4 opportunities outlined by the Joint Legislative Task Force's report and
5 assist the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
7 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Joint
8 Legislative Oversight Committee on Training and Retraining be
9 established; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there be eight voting committee
11 members chosen as follows: Four members of the Senate, two from each
12 of the two largest caucuses appointed by the President of the Senate;
13 and four members of the House of Representatives, two from each of the
14 two largest caucuses appointed by the Speaker of the House of
15 Representatives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee select a chair from
17 among its own members; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee have nonvoting advisory
19 members selected by the voting members to represent business and labor
20 organizations currently involved in educational and training
21 partnerships with educational institutions and such other organizations
22 or interests as the committee chooses; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Senate and the House of
24 Representatives provide staffing to the Joint Legislative Oversight
25 Committee on Training and Retraining; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That nonlegislative members be reimbursed
27 for travel in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and that
28 legislative members be reimbursed for travel in accordance with RCW
29 44.04.120; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee review the existing
31 training and employment programs within Washington state, receive and
32 review the Work Force Training and Education Coordinating Board's
33 comprehensive plan for work force training and education and its
34 report, mandated by RCW 50.12.261, on establishing a job training trust
35 fund and uniform distribution criteria, and report to the legislature
36 with recommendations on mechanisms for improving the coordination,
37 services, and accountability of the state's work force training and
38 education system, and on those programs that should be eliminated,
39 combined, continued, or expanded; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee, in making its
2 recommendations, consider program policies, program efficiency, and
3 program performance along with other factors deemed appropriate; and
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report to the
5 legislature by January 31, 1995.

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