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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8427**

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**By Senators Skratek, Cantu, Williams, Bluechel, M. Rasmussen and Erwin**

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1            WHEREAS, The growth and development of innovative, technology-based  
2 businesses in Washington is necessary to ensure progress and increase  
3 the productivity in key areas of our economy, such as advanced  
4 computing, advanced materials, agriculture, forest products,  
5 telecommunications, environmental technology, biotechnology, electronic  
6 device technology, and manufacturing; and

7            WHEREAS, The fostering and development of innovative technology-  
8 based businesses in this state and the proper education and training of  
9 individuals to work for the businesses is necessary to assure the  
10 growth and stability of the state's economy, adequate employment  
11 opportunities providing livable wages, the protection of the  
12 environment, and the general welfare of the citizens of this state; and

13            WHEREAS, Other states have established programs and policies  
14 seeking to attract and retain technology-based businesses; and

15            WHEREAS, It is critical that the state develop a state-wide  
16 technology strategy that seeks to identify the mechanisms for  
17 attracting, developing, and strengthening technology-based industries  
18 in the state of Washington and using new technologies in the operation  
19 of state government;

20            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
21 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Senate

1 Trade, Technology, and Economic Development committee and the House of  
2 Representatives Trade, Economic Development and Housing Committee in  
3 cooperation with the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic  
4 Development develop a state-wide technology strategy. The strategy  
5 shall include policies related to: Strengthening research and  
6 development partnerships between industry, academia, and government;  
7 developing a work force that is educated and skilled to work in  
8 technology-based industries; identifying capital funding options for  
9 technology-based companies; creating incentives for the start-up of  
10 technology-based companies; and expanding and coordinating industrial  
11 modernization, technology transfer, and product commercialization  
12 programs for small and medium-sized businesses. In the course of  
13 developing the strategy, the committees and the department shall  
14 examine: The performance and cost-effectiveness of existing state  
15 technology programs including, but not limited to, the Washington  
16 technology center; whether the current organizational structure of the  
17 Washington technology center and other state technology programs result  
18 in these programs meeting the needs and expectations of businesses in  
19 this state; whether the patent and royalty percentage to professors and  
20 scientists working for institutions of higher education should be  
21 increased; whether ownership and possession of patents can or should be  
22 given to scientists conducting research leading to the patents at  
23 institutions of higher education; and the impact of having state  
24 research universities shift from conducting research with no apparent  
25 industrial application to applied research for commercial and  
26 industrial application by businesses in the state; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committees and the department  
28 submit the state-wide technology strategy to the legislature on  
29 December 1, 1994.

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