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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8415**

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**By Senators West and Roach**

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1       WHEREAS, The state's transportation system is vital to the economy  
2 of the state and the economic well-being of its citizens; and

3       WHEREAS, It is the duty of the Legislature to provide an adequate  
4 and stable source of funding for the state's transportation systems;  
5 and

6       WHEREAS, The motor vehicle excise tax, a significant source of  
7 state revenue, is based on the use of motor vehicles on the state  
8 highway system; and

9       WHEREAS, The Legislature is committed to develop a long-range plan  
10 to dedicate additional existing motor vehicle excise tax revenue for  
11 transportation purposes;

12       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
13 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the staff of  
14 the fiscal committees of the Legislature shall undertake an examination  
15 of the imposition and distribution of the motor vehicle excise tax,  
16 with the goal of using motor vehicle excise tax revenue for  
17 transportation purposes. The examination shall include a review of:  
18 (1) The historical distribution of the tax revenues; (2) the current  
19 distribution of the revenues; (3) current and historical purposes of  
20 the tax; (4) the adequacy of state transportation funding from the  
21 motor vehicle excise tax and the revenue needs of other state and local

1 programs; and (5) the rate of the motor vehicle excise tax compared to  
2 other states in the context of the total tax burden on motor vehicle  
3 owners; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the examination shall be completed by  
5 December 31, 1997, and a report submitted to the fiscal committees of  
6 the Legislature.

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