

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.2007-4603, by Representatives Kessler and Ericksen

WHEREAS, The protection of the health of Washington's citizens should be of the utmost importance to the state government; and

WHEREAS, Certain environmental pollutants can, if improperly regulated, have a negative effect on human health and safety; and

WHEREAS, The state must carefully examine the impact of its regulations on both the health of its citizens and the vibrancy of its business community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State House of Representatives establish a select committee on environmental health for the 2007-2008 biennium to consider issues relating to environmental risks potentially affecting human health, such as environmental toxins, mold, air pollutants, solid and hazardous waste, contaminated sediments, and food and drinking water safety; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the select committee also be responsible for examining whether disparities exist in the treatment of people and communities in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, and the siting of facilities affecting the environment; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the select committee report legislation on these subjects out of committee with all the powers and duties of a standing committee of the House of Representatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the select committee consist of nine members, five Democratic and four Republican.

I hereby certify this to be a true and correct copy of
Resolution 4603 adopted by the House of Representatives
January 8, 2007

Richard Nafziger, Chief Clerk