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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4413

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By Representatives Wolfe, Carrell, Brown, Foreman, Appelwick, Hickel, Mitchell, Sheahan, Talcott, Lambert, Campbell, Morris, Patterson, McMahan, Chappell, Scott, Costa, Conway, Hankins, Delvin, Ballasiotes, Hymes, Thibaudeau, Sommers, Valle, Dickerson, Tokuda, Chopp, K. Schmidt, Smith, Fuhrman, Basich, Regala, Cole, Cody, Poulsen, Radcliff, D. Schmidt, Kremen, Koster, Hargrove, G. Fisher, Hatfield, Romero, Goldsmith, Cooke, Ebersole, Mastin, Buck, Pelesky, Sheldon, Robertson, Mason, L. Thomas, Boldt, B. Thomas, Huff, Sherstad, Rust, Ogden, Thompson and Kessler

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1 WHEREAS, Federal and state law require the state of Washington to  
2 review the state's child support guidelines at least once every four  
3 years to ensure that their application results in determination of  
4 appropriate child support award amounts; and

5 WHEREAS, Washington has initiated review of its child support  
6 guidelines by conducting a study of child support awards in Washington;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
8 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint house of  
9 representatives and senate task force be established to continue to  
10 review the child support schedule, implementation of the schedule, and  
11 issues surrounding the calculation and collection of child support; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force be comprised of the  
13 following members: Six senators, three from each caucus, appointed by  
14 the president of the senate; six representatives, three from each  
15 caucus, appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; one  
16 judge from the family law section of the superior court judges  
17 association, appointed by section members; one member of the Washington  
18 state bar association's family law section, appointed by section  
19 members; the secretary of the department of social and health services  
20 or her designee; one member of Washington families for noncustodial  
21 rights; and one member of the Northwest women's law center.

1       The task force shall be cochaired by one senator, chosen by the  
2 task force, and one state representative, chosen by the task force.  
3 The cochairs shall be from opposite parties. A quorum for any meeting  
4 or hearing shall be nine members. Any final findings, conclusions, or  
5 recommendations of the task force must be agreed to by eleven members.  
6 The open public meetings act shall apply to all meetings and hearings  
7 of the task force. Rules of procedure shall be established at the  
8 first meeting of the task force; and

9       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force convene commencing July  
10 1, 1995, and report its final findings, conclusions, and  
11 recommendations to the law and justice committees of the house of  
12 representatives and the senate no later than December 1, 1995. Any  
13 such final report shall include any minority findings, conclusions, or  
14 recommendations submitted by any task force member or group of members;  
15 and

16       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That nonlegislative members of the task  
17 force be reimbursed for travel expenses as provided in RCW 43.03.050  
18 and 43.03.060. Legislative members shall be reimbursed for travel  
19 expenses under RCW 44.04.120. The staff of the senate law and justice  
20 committee and the house of representatives law and justice committee  
21 shall provide staff support to the task force.

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