
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4424

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By Representatives Delvin, Chandler, Robertson, Clements, Foreman, Grant, Schoesler, Hankins, Mulliken, Linville, B. Thomas and Honeyford

Read first time . Referred to Committee on .

1 WHEREAS, A legislative joint select committee on water resources
2 should be established; and

3 WHEREAS, From among its members, the committee shall elect
4 cochairs, one who is a member of the house of representatives and one
5 who is a member of the senate; and

6 WHEREAS, The committee shall examine the following subjects
7 relating to water transfers: Methods to encourage voluntary water
8 rights transfers, including incentives and streamlining of
9 administrative procedures for the approval of transfers; standards and
10 procedures that should apply to different types of transfers, including
11 temporary, permanent, and seasonal transfers, changes in the nature and
12 location of use, and consideration of impacts to existing rights,
13 communities in the origin of the water use, and upon streamflows;
14 standards and procedures for the protection of existing rights and
15 streamflows in considering water use changes or transfers; and

16 WHEREAS, In conducting such review, the committee shall provide for
17 public comment and shall conduct its meetings in various locations
18 around the state to facilitate public participation and the committee
19 shall solicit the views and technical assistance of water resource
20 experts in water resource disciplines; and

1 WHEREAS, The committee's final report and recommendations for
2 legislation shall be submitted to the appropriate committees of the
3 house of representatives and the senate by December 31, 1996; and

4 WHEREAS, Staff support for the committee shall be provided by the
5 office of program research in the house of representatives and by
6 senate committee services; and

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
8 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select
9 committee on water resources is created to review the subjects related
10 to water transfers; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
12 members; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That four members of the committee shall be
14 from the house of representatives and shall be appointed by the speaker
15 of the house, and two shall be from each political party caucus in the
16 house of representatives; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That four members of the committee shall be
18 from the senate and shall be appointed by the president of the senate,
19 and two shall be from each political party caucus; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
21 recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1996.

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