
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8413

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By Senator Sutherland

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1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Washington have an inherent right to watch
2 their government at work; and

3 WHEREAS, The state of Washington has a long and proud tradition of
4 open government; and

5 WHEREAS, The 1994 Session of the Washington State Legislature
6 extended this tradition by authorizing and supporting unedited
7 television coverage of state government deliberations modeled after the
8 successful national cable channel, C-SPAN; and

9 WHEREAS, Section 116 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill No. 6244,
10 the 1994 Supplemental Budget provided that commencement of operation of
11 equipment for unedited television coverage within legislative
12 facilities would be subject to ratification by both houses of the
13 legislature by concurrent resolution;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
15 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That operation of
16 equipment to provide unedited television coverage of events within
17 legislative facilities is hereby authorized; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That programming shall be complete,
19 balanced, and fair without regard to partisanship or ideology and that
20 programming be accurately transmitted to the viewer without
21 manipulation or addition of editorial comment; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That no portion of any TVW funds, public or
2 private, may be used, directly or indirectly, for any of the following
3 purposes: (1) Attempting to influence the passage or defeat of any
4 legislation by the legislature of the state of Washington, by any
5 county, city, town, or other political subdivision of the state of
6 Washington, or by congress; or (2) attempting to influence the adoption
7 or rejection of any rule, standard, rate, or other legislative
8 enactment of any state agency; or (3) making contributions reportable
9 under chapter 42.17 RCW; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this authorization shall be effective
11 in the Washington State House of Representatives upon execution of a
12 Memorandum of Understanding between TVW, the provider of unedited
13 television coverage, and the Chief Clerk of the House of
14 Representatives, and shall be effective in the Washington State Senate
15 upon adoption of a floor resolution between TVW and the Senate.

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