
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4405

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1 WHEREAS, Consumer complaints about automobile repair ranks as the
2 second most frequent category of complaint received by the fair
3 practices division of the Washington state office of the attorney
4 general; and

5 WHEREAS, The national association of attorneys general has
6 identified automobile repair as an issue to study for possible model
7 state legislation by 1994; and

8 WHEREAS, Many representatives of the automobile repair industry are
9 concerned about the lack of a consistent level of competency and
10 professionalism in the industry; and

11 WHEREAS, Unprofessional or dishonest auto repair shops can cause
12 consumers great financial hardship and inconvenience;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
14 the State of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a legislative task
15 force on automobile repair industry regulation be established to
16 examine: (1) The need for changes in state regulation of the
17 automobile repair industry; (2) if changes are needed, whether the
18 regulation should include some form of state licensing or
19 certification; (3) the anticipated model legislation to be proposed by
20 the national association of attorneys general; and (4) the need for

1 state-specific legislation to coincide with the anticipated model
2 legislation; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force consist of eight
4 members: Two members from each caucus of the Senate, appointed by the
5 President of the Senate; at least one member from each caucus shall be
6 a member of the Senate committee on labor and commerce; and two members
7 from each caucus of the House of Representatives, appointed by the
8 Speaker of the House of Representatives; at least one member from each
9 caucus shall be a member of the House of Representatives committee on
10 commerce and labor. In addition, the Washington state office of the
11 attorney general, the department of licensing, and the Governor's
12 office shall cooperate with the task force and maintain a liaison
13 representative, who shall be a nonvoting member. The task force shall
14 choose its chair and vice-chair from among its membership; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force, where feasible, may
16 consult with individuals from the public and private sector or ask such
17 persons to establish an advisory committee; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall use legislative
19 staff and facilities. All expenses of the task force, including
20 travel, shall be paid jointly by the Senate and the House of
21 Representatives; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force report its findings and
23 recommendations to the legislature by January 15, 1994; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall expire July 1,
25 1994.

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