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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8406

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By Senators M. Rasmussen, Loveland, Barr, Haugen, Winsley, Anderson, Moyer, Prentice, Deccio, Bauer, Spanel, Skratek, Snyder, Franklin and Hochstatter

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1 WHEREAS, Agriculture is the largest industry in the state of  
2 Washington; and

3 WHEREAS, Agricultural employees provide a vital service to the  
4 citizens of the state by facilitating the production, packing,  
5 processing, transporting, and marketing of agricultural products; and

6 WHEREAS, Living conditions for farmworkers is of utmost interest to  
7 the state; and

8 WHEREAS, The need for affordable housing is estimated to be at  
9 least twenty-five thousand units; and

10 WHEREAS, Consideration of the extension of other benefits of  
11 employment such as health care, day care, and special educational needs  
12 to farmworkers is of importance and concern to both growers and  
13 farmworkers; and

14 WHEREAS, The need for affordable housing and other benefits is not  
15 being met without economic incentives;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
17 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee  
18 on agricultural housing and benefits be created, composed of sixteen  
19 members as follows: Eight members of the legislature consisting of the  
20 chair and ranking member of the Senate agriculture committee, the chair  
21 and ranking member of the Senate labor and commerce committee, the

1 chair and ranking member of the House of Representatives agriculture  
2 and rural development committee, and the chair and ranking member of  
3 the House of Representatives commerce and labor committee; and eight  
4 additional members selected by the president of the Senate and the  
5 speaker of the House of Representatives, including: Three  
6 representatives of the agricultural community involved in providing  
7 farmworker housing; three representatives of the farmworker community;  
8 one representative of private nonprofit farmworker housing  
9 organizations; and one representative of the building industry; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there shall be no reimbursement to  
11 nonlegislative committee members for committee activities; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall explore all  
13 aspects of the need for adequate farmworker housing, health care  
14 benefits, day care, special educational needs, and the appropriateness  
15 and need for a grievance board to handle any disputes on this subject  
16 in light of the unique needs of the agricultural industry; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its  
18 findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1993;  
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be terminated  
21 January 10, 1994.

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