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1 WHEREAS, The state of Washington and the institutions of higher
2 education are operating in times of tremendous change that is both
3 financial and societal; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington's public colleges and universities are subject
5 to many state laws and rules designed to regulate state agencies and
6 these laws and rules may not assist the institutions of higher
7 education to carry out their educational missions in an effective
8 manner; and

9 WHEREAS, It is becoming increasingly difficult for the state to
10 provide the level of funding necessary to support access to high
11 quality postsecondary education and work force training programs
12 indispensable to Washington's residents and to the state's economic
13 vitality; and

14 WHEREAS, It is time to examine the relationship of the state to its
15 public institutions of higher education, to reexamine the principles
16 that define higher education, to distinguish the contribution of both
17 public and independent postsecondary institutions, and to determine the
18 state's role in supporting citizens' access to those institutions;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
20 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the joint
21 select committee on higher education be established to study state

1 policies affecting higher education, including financing of and
2 budgeting for public colleges and universities, management flexibility
3 and accountability, tuition, financial aid, and governance; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee also
5 consider the role of the state in providing an affordable, flexible,
6 cost-effective, and accountable educational enterprise offering
7 lifelong learning; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee consist of
9 twelve voting members chosen as follows: Six members of the Senate,
10 three members from each caucus appointed by the President of the
11 Senate, and six members of the House of Representatives, three from
12 each caucus appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
13 and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee select cochairs from
15 among its own members and that these cochairs be empowered to invite
16 nonvoting members to assist the committee in its deliberations; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consult with the office
18 of financial management, the higher education coordinating board, the
19 state board for community and technical colleges, representatives of
20 Washington's public and private four-year institutions of higher
21 education, the work force training and education coordinating board,
22 and other groups and individuals as the issue being studied requires;
23 and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staffing to the committee be provided
25 by the office of program research and senate committee services and
26 that the joint select committee may request assistance and support as
27 necessary from those agencies consulted; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That committee members be reimbursed for
29 travel in accordance with RCW 44.04.120; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its preliminary
31 findings and recommendations to the legislature by January 5, 1995, and
32 any additional recommendations by March 15, 1995; and

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee's study replace the
34 study of funding policies and revenue sources for postsecondary
35 education by a citizen-legislator task force as described in Substitute
36 House Concurrent Resolution No. 4408, adopted by the legislature during
37 the 1993 legislative session.

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