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**SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402**

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**By** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Wojahn, Sellar, Snyder, Newhouse, Gaspard, Fairley, Swecker, Deccio, Palmer, Drew, McDonald, Oke, Sutherland, Winsley and Rasmussen)

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1       WHEREAS, The State of Washington in the United States of America  
2 and Taiwan have an extensive cultural, economic, and political  
3 relationship; and

4       WHEREAS, The manifestation of these relationships can be found in  
5 the fact that more than seven and one-half billion dollars in trade was  
6 done between the State of Washington and Taiwan in 1993, and Taiwan is  
7 the fourth most important source of foreign tourists to Washington; and

8       WHEREAS, The State of Washington has chosen to recognize the  
9 special nature of the relationship of the partners by the establishment  
10 of a Trade Office in Taipei; and

11       WHEREAS, The benefits of a continued expansion of trade between the  
12 State of Washington and Taiwan include increases in trade-related  
13 employment and greater markets for the products of both states; and

14       WHEREAS, The State of Washington and Taiwan have worked together to  
15 have officially sponsored exchanges in the fine arts, recreation, and  
16 political fields; and

17       WHEREAS, Such exchanges provide opportunities for the people of the  
18 State of Washington and the people of Taiwan to benefit by gaining a  
19 greater appreciation for the history, fine arts, political  
20 institutions, and culture of each other;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
2 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the State of  
3 Washington declares that it agrees to enter into a sister state  
4 relationship with Taiwan; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor of the State of  
6 Washington is encouraged to continue to use the influence of the Office  
7 of Governor to promote increased trade, cultural exchanges, and tourism  
8 between the two sister states; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a Memorandum of Understanding between  
10 the states implementing the sister state relationship shall identify an  
11 association within each state that will, at a minimum:

12 (1) Sustain and enhance cooperation between the two states, with  
13 special emphasis on urban management and development, arts, trade,  
14 culture, and education;

15 (2) For the State of Washington, establish a Trade, Investment, and  
16 Tourism Committee with representatives from the Governor's Office, the  
17 Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development, one or more  
18 public ports, the tourist and convention industry, the Trade  
19 Development Alliance of Greater Seattle, one or more economic  
20 development councils, and growers of exported agricultural products;  
21 and

22 (3) For the Province of Taiwan, a similar committee may be  
23 established; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the associations and their committees  
25 shall have as members representatives of their respective business  
26 communities and other interested individuals and entities; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the associations and their committees  
28 shall be led by officers to coordinate and energize their activities  
29 and raise and provide funds to pay the costs of government officials'  
30 activities in the furtherance of the goals of the associations; and

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the officers and members of both  
32 associations shall endeavor to meet together as a group at least  
33 annually and will visit one another as frequently as schedules permit,  
34 with coordination guided through the exchange of annual work plans and  
35 budgets.

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