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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8418**

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**State of Washington                      54th Legislature      1995 2nd Special Session**

**By Senators Gaspard, Snyder and 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  
11 of 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 until June 30, 1998, unless  
18 operation is reauthorized by both houses of the legislature by  
19 concurrent resolution approved before June 30, 1998, which extends  
20 authorization until a later date certain or for an indefinite period;  
21 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this authorization shall be effective  
2 in the Washington state House of Representatives upon execution of a  
3 memorandum of understanding between TVW, the provider of unedited  
4 television coverage, and the chief clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives, and shall be effective in the Washington state Senate  
6 upon execution of a memorandum of understanding between TVW and the  
7 secretary of the Senate; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief clerk of the House of  
9 Representatives or the secretary of the Senate may request summary  
10 material relating to programming from TVW to assist in the efforts of  
11 any compliance committee or committees as may be established; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any member of the board of directors  
13 of TVW who is required to file any document with a state or federal  
14 agency which regulates campaign practices or campaign finances on which  
15 the person is named in any capacity other than as a contributor, shall  
16 also be required to file such documents with the chief clerk of the  
17 House of Representatives and the secretary of the Senate; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That any member of the board of directors  
19 of TVW who is an officer of a political committee which has as its  
20 primary purpose supporting or opposing the election of incumbent  
21 members of the Washington state legislature and which engages in any  
22 fund-raising activity during the period thirty days before the date a  
23 regular legislative session convenes and continuing thirty days past  
24 the date of final adjournment, or during the period beginning on the  
25 date a special legislative session convenes and continuing through the  
26 date that session adjourns, shall file a description of the fund-  
27 raising activity with the chief clerk of the House of Representatives  
28 and the secretary of the Senate prior to soliciting contributions or  
29 engaging in any other fund-raising activity and a report of all  
30 contributions received during such a period.

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