
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8432

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By Senators Hale, Loveland and Rasmussen

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1 WHEREAS, More than ninety percent of the reactor-produced medical
2 isotopes currently used in the United States are imported; and

3 WHEREAS, The Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility is capable of
4 providing a wide variety of high quality medical isotopes for
5 diagnosing and treating cancer, and relieving pain caused by cancer,
6 and in 1986 produced the purest form ever made of gadolinium-153, an
7 isotope used to diagnose osteoporosis; and

8 WHEREAS, The Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility could also produce
9 isotopes for agricultural, industrial, and business applications; and

10 WHEREAS, Opportunities for research and clinical trials with
11 isotopes are severely limited; and

12 WHEREAS, A private business group has presented a formal offer to
13 the United States Department of Energy to operate the Hanford Fast Flux
14 Test Facility at a cost less than the cost to shut down the Facility;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The Hanford Fast Flux Test Facility is an irreplaceable
17 national asset given the current regulatory climate and construction
18 costs;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
20 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the State of

1 Washington recognize the importance of the preservation of this
2 valuable national asset; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the State of Washington, through this
4 resolution, respectfully call on the President of the United States and
5 Congress to ensure the restart and continued operation of the Hanford
6 Fast Flux Test Facility, and preservation of this valuable national
7 asset.

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