
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4405

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1 WHEREAS, Many residents of the State of Washington work at jobs
2 located in Oregon; and

3 WHEREAS, These workers contribute significantly to the vitality of
4 the Oregon economy; and

5 WHEREAS, The states of Washington and Oregon have chosen greatly
6 different tax systems whereby Oregon taxes income and Washington taxes
7 consumption; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington residents pay over one hundred million dollars
9 in income tax to Oregon; and

10 WHEREAS, Clark County Washington residents pay more in personal
11 income tax to Oregon than do the residents of twenty-nine Oregon
12 counties; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington residents working in Oregon must pay taxes to
14 two states: Income taxes to Oregon and sales taxes to Washington; and

15 WHEREAS, The amount of income taxes paid by Washington residents to
16 Oregon greatly exceed the cost of public services they receive from
17 Oregon;

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives,
19 the Senate concurring, That a joint select committee on taxation by
20 Oregon be established to review the contribution Washington residents
21 make to the Oregon economy, the amount of taxes paid by Washington

1 residents to Oregon, the overall tax burden for Washington residents
2 who work in Oregon as compared to the tax burden on other Washington
3 residents and Oregon residents, the cost of services provided to
4 Washington residents by Oregon, and constitutional questions regarding
5 the taxation of Washington residents by Oregon; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
7 legislators representing districts bordering Oregon, with four members
8 of the Senate, two from each caucus, to be appointed by the President
9 of the Senate; and four members of the House of Representatives, two
10 from each caucus, to be appointed by the Co-Speakers of the House of
11 Representatives; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Co-Speakers of the House of
13 Representatives and the President of the Senate shall designate
14 cochairs of the committee, the expenses of the committee members shall
15 be paid by the legislature under chapter 44.04 RCW, staff support for
16 the committee shall be provided by Senate committee services and House
17 of Representatives office of program research as mutually agreed by the
18 cochairs of the joint select committee, and the committee may also use
19 the research services provided to the legislature by the department of
20 revenue under RCW 82.01.060(4).

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