
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4412

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1 WHEREAS, The technology of deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA)
2 identification is of great potential benefit to the citizens of this
3 state in many fields, including health care, scientific research, and
4 criminal justice; and

5 WHEREAS, DNA technology is changing and improving at an ever-
6 increasing rate; and

7 WHEREAS, DNA technology is particularly important in assisting law
8 enforcement in identifying and apprehending repeat criminal offenders
9 as well as exonerating those people falsely convicted of a crime; and

10 WHEREAS, There are legitimate concerns for privacy rights in the
11 creation, collection, maintenance, disclosure, identification, and use
12 of DNA; and

13 WHEREAS, There is a need to address the potential future uses of
14 DNA that may benefit citizens of this state;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
16 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select
17 committee on DNA identification be established to review the following:
18 DNA use, DNA identification, DNA testing, DNA data banking, DNA
19 technology, DNA research, and DNA privacy issues; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee consist of
21 eight members, two members from each of the two largest caucuses of the

1 Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and two members from
2 each of the two largest caucuses of the House of Representatives,
3 appointed by the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives. The
4 committee shall choose its chair and vice-chair from among its
5 membership; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee, where feasible, may
7 consult with individuals from the public and private sector; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall use legislative
9 facilities and staff from Senate Committee Services and the Office of
10 Program Research; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
12 recommendations to the appropriate committees of the legislature by
13 December 1, 1999; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall expire July 1,
15 2000.

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