
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4409

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By Representatives Alexander, Murray, Kenney, Cox, O'Brien, Schmidt, Hankins, McIntire, Edwards and Esser

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1 WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board is charged with
2 the duty of preparing a comprehensive master plan for higher education
3 in this state; and

4 WHEREAS, The state master plan for higher education sets a goal for
5 increasing enrollment in postsecondary education by 2010 and 2020. The
6 goal is to increase lower-division enrollment at the rate of population
7 growth, and upper-division and graduate enrollments to the national
8 average participation rate by 2010 and the national 70th percentile
9 participation rate by 2020. To meet these enrollment goals, 59,000 new
10 full-time equivalent students will enter the system by 2010 and 92,000
11 by 2020; and

12 WHEREAS, The Governor's 2020 Commission on the Future of
13 Postsecondary Education recommended increasing the higher education
14 enrollment goal to better respond to the growing demands of a
15 knowledge-based economy and challenged the state to find creative
16 solutions to serve the growing number of people without building new
17 college campuses; and

18 WHEREAS, The legislature has a responsibility to preserve and
19 maintain the existing investment in higher education capital assets
20 while balancing the need for new facilities to meet the growing student
21 enrollment levels; and

1 WHEREAS, The legislature must evaluate the policy, financial, and
2 facility implications of the higher enrollment goals for higher
3 education;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
5 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select
6 committee on the future facility needs of higher education be
7 established to review the proposed higher education enrollment levels
8 in the state master plan, review the facility needs for future
9 students, review the preservation needs for higher education
10 facilities, and review the funding options for preservation and
11 additional higher education facilities in the state; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
13 members, four members each selected by the President of the Senate and
14 the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives and that the committee
15 be represented by a member from the House Capital Budget Committee,
16 House Appropriations Committee, House Higher Education Committee,
17 Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Senate Higher Education Committee;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
20 recommendations to the legislature at the regular session held in 2002.

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