
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8409

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By Senators Morton and McCaslin

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1 WHEREAS, Since statehood, the lifestyles, culture, and economies of
2 Eastern and Western Washington have been very distinct; and

3 WHEREAS, A similar distinction is also true of Eastern and Western
4 Oregon; and

5 WHEREAS, The similarities between Eastern Washington and Eastern
6 Oregon and Western Washington and Western Oregon are dramatic; and

7 WHEREAS, Urbanization and rapid growth in the western portions of
8 both states has progressively heightened this divergence of cultural
9 and economic values from that of the eastern portions of the states;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, A reconsideration of the state boundary lines of
12 Washington and Oregon in light of these divergences and similarities is
13 in order;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
15 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a select
16 committee on state boundaries be established to study the feasibility
17 of boundary line changes and the process to accomplish such changes;
18 and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of ten members:
20 Two from the Washington State House of Representatives, one from each
21 major political caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House of

1 Representatives; two from the Washington State Senate, one from each
2 major political caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate; two
3 from the Oregon State House of Representatives, one from each major
4 political caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House of
5 Representatives; two from the Oregon State Senate, one from each major
6 political caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate; and one
7 member from each state representing the governor and appointed by the
8 governor of each state. The legislative membership from each state
9 shall include an equal number of representatives from the western
10 portion of the state and the eastern portion; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
12 recommendations to the Washington State Legislature by December 28,
13 2001; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee be jointly staffed by
15 committee staff from each state.

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