

**EHCR 4419** - S AMD  
By Senator Keiser

1       On page 1, after "WHEREAS," on line 1, strike everything and insert  
2 the following:

3       "Offshore outsourcing of public and private sector jobs has created  
4 concern about job loss in Washington; and

5       WHEREAS, Some contracts entered into by state agencies are being  
6 performed, in whole or in part, outside the United States; and

7       WHEREAS, The legislature is concerned that these state contracts  
8 are being entered into with little, if any, legislative oversight; and

9       WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing of private sector jobs is creating  
10 concern about unemployment in our state and demands on our public  
11 services; and

12       WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing of public and private sector work may  
13 be eroding job opportunities and continuing to affect Washington  
14 families and communities already suffering from high unemployment and  
15 a jobless recovery; and

16       WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing may put at risk the privacy of  
17 medical records, financial data, and other personal information of  
18 Washington citizens; and

19       WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing may impact state and local tax  
20 revenues needed to provide for the basic education, as well as to  
21 protect the public health and safety, of Washington citizens; and

22       WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing may result in transfers of knowledge  
23 and core functions that curb entrepreneurial activities and limit  
24 technological innovation essential to the future economic success of  
25 Washington businesses; and

26       WHEREAS, The legislature invests significant public resources in  
27 work force training and retraining, and wants to ensure that students  
28 and workers who benefit from these investments have opportunities to  
29 climb career ladders from entry-level jobs to family-wage jobs, and to  
30 enjoy the prosperity that is the American dream; and

31       WHEREAS, The legislature has also invested significant public  
32 resources in business development, recruitment, and retention, and

1       wants to ensure that corporations that benefit from these investments  
2       are accountable to the legislature and the citizens of Washington  
3       state; and

4           WHEREAS, The legislature is concerned about and wants to examine  
5       the potential consequences of offshore outsourcing;

6           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
7       the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a study of  
8       offshore outsourcing be conducted to evaluate the following issues:

9           The degree to which state contracts, and any subcontracts awarded  
10      under such contracts, are being performed at locations outside the  
11      United States;

12          The extent to which the following are adequate to protect  
13      legislative authority over state procurement: The process for making  
14      and extending the state's commitments under the agreement on government  
15      procurement of the world trade organization and other international  
16      trade agreements; and the exceptions in the agreement on government  
17      procurement of the world trade organization and other international  
18      trade agreements;

19          The applicability of international trade agreements to state  
20      procurement policies;

21          The compliance of signatories to such agreements with international  
22      and state child labor, environmental protection, human rights, and  
23      labor standards;

24          The effects of such agreements on domestic preferences adopted by  
25      signatories to such agreements;

26          The economic benefit of awarding personal services, purchased  
27      services, civil service, and public works contracts to Washington  
28      companies, including: The number of total employment positions; and  
29      the number of full-time, part-time, and temporary employment positions  
30      as a percent of total employment;

31          The economic impacts of performing work under personal services,  
32      purchased services, civil service, and public works contracts in  
33      Washington, including: The multiplier effect on state and local tax  
34      revenues; and the multiplier effect on state and local employment  
35      levels;

36          The cost to the state of retraining workers who are separated from  
37      employment because their positions were outsourced to locations outside  
38      the United States, and issues relative to their eligibility for  
39      training benefits under RCW 50.22.150;

1       The extent to which state contracts performed at locations outside  
2 the United States involve solicitation or disclosure of personal  
3 information; and

4       The relationship between state labor market conditions, including  
5 unemployment rate and implications for trade-dependent industries, and  
6 offshore outsourcing decisions; and

7       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study be conducted by a joint task  
8 force of the House of Representatives and the Senate consisting of the  
9 following: Two representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the  
10 House of Representatives, two representatives to be appointed by the  
11 minority leader of the House of Representatives, two senators to be  
12 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, and two senators to be  
13 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

14      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint task force, in conjunction  
15 with the private sector, consult with and be advised and monitored by  
16 an advisory committee consisting of ten members: Three members  
17 representing labor, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate  
18 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from a list of names  
19 recommended by a statewide organization representing a cross-section  
20 and majority of organized labor in the state; three members  
21 representing business, one of whom shall represent small business,  
22 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
23 House of Representatives, from a list of names recommended by a  
24 statewide organization of employers representing a majority of  
25 employers of the state; one member representing the office of the  
26 Washington state trade representative; one member representing an  
27 international human rights organization; one member representing an  
28 international environmental protection organization; and one member  
29 representing the public; and

30      BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the findings and recommendations of  
31 the joint task force shall be reported to the house of representatives  
32 committees on commerce and labor, state government, technology,  
33 telecommunications, and energy, trade and economic development, the  
34 senate committees on commerce and trade, economic development,  
35 government operations and elections, and technology and communications,  
36 and the joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy, or their  
37 successor committees, by December 1, 2004."

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