

2 ESCR 8423 - H COMM AMD
3 By Committee on Housing

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5 Strike everything after "WHEREAS," on page 1, line 1, and insert
6 the following: "Affordable farmworker housing is essential to the
7 state; and

8 WHEREAS, The need for affordable farmworker housing is estimated to
9 be at least twenty-five thousand units; and

10 WHEREAS, The need for affordable farmworker housing is not
11 currently being met due to the costs associated with constructing the
12 housing; and

13 WHEREAS, The need for affordable farmworker housing will not be met
14 without economic incentives;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
16 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee
17 for affordable farmworker housing be created, composed of fifteen
18 members as follows: Two members of the senate, one from each of the
19 major caucuses, who are appointed by the president of the senate; two
20 members of the house of representatives, one from each of the major
21 caucuses, who are appointed by the speaker of the house of
22 representatives; the chair of the state building code council, or
23 designee; and ten additional members selected by the president of the
24 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, including: Two
25 representatives of the agricultural community involved in providing
26 farmworker housing; two farmworker representatives; two representatives
27 of the building industry, one from eastern Washington and one from
28 western Washington; a representative of residential architecture and
29 design professionals; one representative of private nonprofit

1 farmworker housing organizations; one representative of cities; and one
2 representative of counties; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following shall be advisory,
4 nonvoting members of the committee: The director of the department of
5 community development, or designee; the director of the department of
6 labor and industries, or designee; the secretary of health, or
7 designee; a member of the state board of health, appointed by the chair
8 of the state board of health; the commissioner of the employment
9 security department, or designee; and the director of the state energy
10 office, or designee; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there shall be no reimbursement to
12 nonlegislative committee members for committee activities; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall explore all
14 aspects of the cost associated with constructing farmworker housing and
15 shall seek to find methods of reducing costs by any available means
16 while maintaining adequate health and safety standards. In studying
17 the issue, the committee shall, at a minimum, examine the potential
18 benefits of modifying construction and thermal performance standards
19 for seasonally occupied housing, and the effect of establishing an
20 energy rebate program for seasonal housing constructed according to
21 model standards; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall also explore
23 financing techniques that can be used for the construction or
24 rehabilitation of seasonally or year-round occupied farmworker housing;
25 and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee may seek assistance from
27 appropriate state or federal agencies; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its
29 findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1992;
30 and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be terminated
2 January 10, 1993."