
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4405

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1 WHEREAS, It is increasingly evident that the Greenhouse Effect and
2 ozone layer depletion may have severe impacts on the state's climate,
3 sea level, and solar radiation characteristics causing adverse
4 consequences on state agriculture, marine life, land use, and public
5 health; and

6 WHEREAS, The characteristics of these effects and the global
7 systems they impact are not fully understood; and

8 WHEREAS, These uncertainties make unpredictable the timing and
9 magnitude of consequences; and

10 WHEREAS, Ongoing research seeks to reduce the uncertainties and
11 allow the development of effective mitigative measures; and

12 WHEREAS, Mitigative measures probably will require concerted action
13 by many state agencies and other public and private organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, The magnitude of effects and consequences may be great
15 enough to warrant early and urgent mitigative actions; and

1 WHEREAS, State agencies and other public and private organizations
2 should be organized to follow Greenhouse Effect and ozone layer
3 depletion research closely and to be prepared to take timely action;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
5 the State of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the state is
6 vitally interested in matters related to the Greenhouse Effect and
7 ozone layer depletion and, accordingly, there should be a point of
8 focus and coordination for relevant state activities; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That there is created a Biospheric Task
10 Force consisting of representatives from state agencies, the
11 legislature, the academic and business communities, and citizen groups
12 to oversee developments with respect to the Greenhouse Effect and ozone
13 layer depletion and to make recommendations for needed state action;
14 and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall consist of: One
16 representative each from the departments of agriculture, ecology,
17 fisheries, natural resources, trade and economic development, and
18 transportation, and the state energy office, appointed by the agency
19 directors; two members each from the committees on energy and utilities
20 of the senate and the house of representatives, the senate committee on
21 environment and natural resources, and the house of representatives
22 committee on environmental affairs, appointed by the committee chairs;
23 two members each from the faculties of the University of Washington and
24 Washington State University, appointed by the respective university
25 presidents; four persons from relevant industries, including
26 transportation, appointed by the director of the state energy office;
27 and two persons from citizen groups, appointed by the director of the
28 state energy office; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall be chaired by the
30 representative from the state energy office, and that it may appoint

1 additional temporary or permanent members if approved by a majority of
2 task force members; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report each
4 December, and at other appropriate times, to the legislative committees
5 represented on the task force on developments with respect to the
6 Greenhouse Effect and ozone layer depletion, and that the December 1991
7 report shall contain a recommendation on whether to continue the task
8 force beyond that date.