

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 91-4695, by Representatives Hine, G. Fisher, Prentice, Leonard, Valle, Heavey, Kremen and Braddock.

WHEREAS, Some recent scientific studies suggest a possible link between exposure to electric and magnetic fields and human health effects; and

WHEREAS, There has been increasing public attention and concern about possible health effects from electric and magnetic fields (EMF); and

WHEREAS, Electricity is essential to the productivity, health, and security of all people in the United States; and

WHEREAS, It is recognized that there is a clear need for a solid scientific basis for decision making on the EMF issue, particularly with respect to the confident establishment of standards for field strength exposures; and

WHEREAS, It is also recognized that individual states and local jurisdictions do not have the resources to conduct thorough and conclusive scientific research on the health effects of EMF; and

WHEREAS, It is in the nation's best interest to address the possible health effects of EMF on a national basis, through research conducted by an independent institution with a credible track record in public health research;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Congress of the United States provide, alone or in conjunction with other public and private entities, additional funding to expand and accelerate a national research program to address and resolve the growing concern about possible health effects from electric and magnetic fields; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the research program be overseen by an independent advisory board consisting of top-level officials from

federal agencies, state health departments, and public utility commissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be immediately transmitted by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to each member of Congress from the State of Washington.