
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8411

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By Senators Madsen and Barr.

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1 WHEREAS, Many rural and suburban areas are not presently served by
2 water systems which are capable of adding commercial customers or
3 residential developments without additional facilities; and

4 WHEREAS, County comprehensive water planning often prevents a
5 developer or commercial customer from developing his or her own source
6 or going to another water purveyor other than the one designated for a
7 particular area; and

8 WHEREAS, Many water companies regulated by the Washington Utilities
9 and Transportation Commission require residential developers and
10 commercial customers to sign contracts to obtain water service; and

11 WHEREAS, The charges in such contracts are often in dispute; and

12 WHEREAS, The commission does not review such contracts unless they
13 have been signed by the company and the customer; and

14 WHEREAS, Water is an essential utility service and there is a need
15 to provide such service expeditiously and without unnecessary delay;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
17 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Joint

1 Select Committee on Water Resource Policy conduct a study to determine
2 whether legislation is needed to establish procedures which will allow
3 the commission to set rates for individual water connections quickly
4 and fairly; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee study whether public and
6 private water systems not regulated by the Utilities and Transportation
7 Commission have similar problems; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
9 recommendations to the legislature at the regular session held in 1992.