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ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8423

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By Senators Barr and Conner

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1 WHEREAS, Affordable farmworker housing is essential to the state;  
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3 WHEREAS, The need for affordable farmworker housing is estimated to  
4 be at least twenty-five thousand units; and

5 WHEREAS, The need for affordable farmworker housing is not  
6 currently being met due to the costs associated with constructing the  
7 housing; and

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

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
11 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a committee  
12 for affordable farmworker housing be created, composed of fifteen  
13 members as follows: Two members of the senate, one from each of the  
14 major caucuses, who are appointed by the president of the senate; two  
15 members of the house of representatives, one from each of the major  
16 caucuses, who are appointed by the speaker of the house of

1 representatives; the chair of the state building code council, or  
2 designee; and ten additional members selected by the president of the  
3 senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, including: Two  
4 representatives of the agricultural community involved in providing  
5 farmworker housing; two farmworker representatives; two representatives  
6 of the building industry, one from eastern Washington and one from  
7 western Washington; a representative of residential architecture and  
8 design professionals; one representative of private nonprofit  
9 farmworker housing organizations; one representative of cities; and one  
10 representative of counties; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following shall be advisory,  
12 nonvoting members of the committee: The director of the department of  
13 community development, or designee; the director of the department of  
14 labor and industries, or designee; the secretary of health, or  
15 designee; a member of the state board of health, appointed by the chair  
16 of the state board of health; and the director of the state energy  
17 office, or designee; and

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

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

1           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee may seek assistance from  
2 appropriate state or federal agencies, including the Bonneville power  
3 administration; and

4           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its  
5 findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1992;  
6 and

7           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be terminated  
8 January 10, 1993.