
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;

2 and

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: The chair or designee of the senate committee on
14 agriculture and water resources; the chair or designee of the senate
15 committee on commerce and labor; the chair or designee of the house of
16 representatives committee on agriculture; the chair or designee of the

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

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

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

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee may seek assistance from
28 appropriate state or federal agencies, including the Bonneville power
29 administration; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall report its
2 findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 1992;
3 and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall be terminated
5 January 10, 1993.