
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8408

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By Senator Bauer

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1 WHEREAS, The Washington State Legislative Building is a unique
2 American contribution to architectural history and an outstanding
3 example of the imperial classic tradition and the City Beautiful
4 Movement in America; and

5 WHEREAS, Its beautifully proportioned self-supporting masonry dome
6 is one of the largest, and also among the last, of these traditional
7 monumental structures to be built in the world; and

8 WHEREAS, Our Legislative Building serves both as a working
9 legislative and governmental center and as the symbol of Washington's
10 free and representative government; and

11 WHEREAS, This grand building, now in its 71st year since
12 construction, receives more than a half million visitors each year and
13 is experiencing frequent and persistent failures of its aging plumbing,
14 heating, ventilation, and electrical systems, in addition to pervasive
15 water leakage and deterioration of the stone exterior; and

16 WHEREAS, The visiting public needs places to assemble, to learn
17 about state government, to research and track legislative activity, and
18 to meet with state officials; and

19 WHEREAS, The Legislative Building is an impressive expression of
20 the aspirations and strength of those Washingtonians who built it, and
21 will continue to serve as the symbol of our state's history, culture,

1 and collective social aspirations, and as such deserves our careful
2 attention in order to preserve and protect the building for future
3 generations;

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
5 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a Commission
6 on Legislative Building Preservation and Renovation be established,
7 whose purpose is to identify a plan and resources for the renovation
8 and preservation of the State Legislative Building; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall consist of
10 fourteen members as follows: Four Senators to be chosen by the
11 President of the Senate, two of whom shall be members from each major
12 caucus; four Representatives to be chosen by the Co-Speakers of the
13 House of Representatives, two of whom shall be members of the Capital
14 Budget Committee; the State Treasurer; the State Auditor; the
15 Commissioner of Public Lands; the Governor or his designee; the
16 Secretary of State; and the Lieutenant Governor, who shall serve as
17 chair; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That five citizen members appointed by the
19 Governor, three of whom shall reside west of the crest of the Cascade
20 mountains and two of whom shall reside east of the crest of the Cascade
21 mountains shall act as ex officio members of the commission to assist
22 in planning and resource identification for the renovation and
23 preservation of the State Legislative Building; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall first look to
25 traditionally dedicated and trust revenue resources as the state
26 funding source for the implementation of the plan and that all avenues
27 of citizen involvement shall be investigated to engage the public in
28 contributing to the renovation and preservation of the State
29 Legislative Building; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the commission shall report its
31 progress and recommendations to the legislature in the 2000 legislative
32 session.

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