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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8424**

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**By** Senators Swecker, Eide, Honeyford, Morton, McAuliffe, Hale, Winsley, Rasmussen and Oke

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1       WHEREAS, Federal statutes and regulations compel action by state  
2 and local governments and these federal mandates are rarely supported  
3 with funding adequate to implement the required actions; and

4       WHEREAS, A preliminary analysis of state water quality programs  
5 reveals that the six million six hundred thousand dollars in federal  
6 funding per biennium represents less than nine percent of total program  
7 expenditures; and

8       WHEREAS, Total unmet water quality program needs are estimated to  
9 exceed one billion dollars each biennium; and

10       WHEREAS, Federal mandates under authority of the Endangered Species  
11 Act, the Clean Air Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response,  
12 Compensation and Liability Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the  
13 Safe Drinking Water Act, and other environmental statutes may impose  
14 unfunded burdens on state and local governments of a similar magnitude  
15 to water quality programs;

16       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
17 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the joint  
18 select committee on unfunded federal mandates relating to environmental  
19 protection be established and that the committee review existing  
20 federal legal and regulatory authorities, estimate current unfunded  
21 mandates, project future trends in federal funding to meet programs

1 required by the federal mandates, and identify options available to the  
2 state to comply with legal requirements and stimulate full federal  
3 partnership in funding required programs; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on unfunded  
5 federal mandates relating to environmental protection consist of eight  
6 members, four members each selected by the President of the Senate and  
7 the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives, and that staff support  
8 be provided by Senate Committee Services and the Office of Program  
9 Research; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on unfunded  
11 federal mandates relating to environmental protection report its  
12 findings to the legislature by January 15, 2001.

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