
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402

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By Senate Committee on Commerce & Trade (originally sponsored by Senators Shin, Swecker, T. Sheldon, Reardon, Fairley, West, Benton, Kohl-Welles, Rasmussen and Winsley)

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1 WHEREAS, Washington state trade missions involving elected state
2 officials play a vital and important role in the state's economic
3 development, promoting the growth of businesses and agriculture, and
4 resulting in job creation; and

5 WHEREAS, The participation of Washington state legislators in trade
6 missions is crucial to the success of fostering strong relations with
7 the state's trading partners and of creating new trade opportunities
8 for businesses in Washington state; and

9 WHEREAS, The participation of Washington state legislators in trade
10 missions enables the legislature to craft legislation which better
11 addresses trade and fosters better understanding between the people of
12 Washington state and the people of other nations; and

13 WHEREAS, The involvement of Washington state legislators in trade
14 missions should be governed by protocols adopted by the legislature;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
16 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the following
17 protocols for legislative participation in executive agency trade
18 missions be established; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That state trade missions will be initiated

1 and organized by the executive of the agency, which includes the Office
2 of the Governor; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the following protocol order of
4 precedence will be established for executive agency trade missions:

- 5 (1) Governor;
- 6 (2) Lieutenant governor;
- 7 (3) Secretary of state;
- 8 (4) State treasurer;
- 9 (5) State auditor;
- 10 (6) Attorney general;
- 11 (7) Superintendent of public instruction;
- 12 (8) Commissioner of public lands;
- 13 (9) Insurance commissioner;
- 14 (10) Chief justice of the supreme court;
- 15 (11) Former governors;
- 16 (12) Justices of the supreme court;
- 17 (13) Members of the executive cabinet:
 - 18 (a) Governor's special trade representative;
 - 19 (b) Director of trade and economic development;
 - 20 (c) Director of agriculture;
 - 21 (d) Other members of the governor's executive cabinet;
 - 22 (e) Chief of staff to the governor;
- 23 (14) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 24 (15) President pro tempore of the senate;
- 25 (16) Members of the senate;
- 26 (17) Members of the house of representatives;
- 27 (18) Former lieutenant governors;
- 28 (19) Former secretaries of state; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the executive agency organizing the
30 trade mission will inform both houses of the legislature of forthcoming
31 missions in a timely manner. In its official notice to the
32 legislature, the executive agency shall be responsible for providing
33 the following information:

- 34 (1) A statement of trade mission objectives, dates, and expected
35 itinerary; and
- 36 (2) A description of the type of knowledge, background, and
37 experience held by a delegation member which might provide assistance
38 to the trade mission; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the agency may request that one of the
2 participating legislators serve as designated leader of the trade
3 mission; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That at least one or more legislators from
5 each caucus of the Senate and the House of Representatives may
6 participate in the trade mission, depending on the size and scope of
7 the mission. The agency will be notified of the legislative
8 participants in a timely manner; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That whenever possible, legislators
10 possessing business, foreign market, language, cultural expertise, or
11 an interest pertinent to the trade mission are encouraged to
12 participate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each legislative participant is
14 responsible for assisting the trade mission achieve its stated goals
15 and objectives; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the designated leader of the trade
17 mission will work closely with agency staff to develop the trade
18 mission protocols and responsibilities and define the working
19 relationship with agency staff; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the registration fee charged to
21 legislative participants, including their guests and legislative staff,
22 does not exceed the actual costs associated with their participation in
23 the trade mission; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following completion of the trade
25 mission, upon request, each legislative participant is encouraged to
26 provide feedback concerning the mission and its results to the agency
27 in a timely manner; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution precludes
29 members of the legislature from participating in the mission.

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