
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8407

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By Senators Jacobsen and Carlson

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1 WHEREAS, Education is the most important function of the state of
2 Washington and is essential to the economic health, cultural diversity,
3 civic vitality, and political well-being of the state and the nation;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, There is significant evidence that citizens benefit by
6 having an opportunity to access the education and training that will
7 allow them to contribute to the healthy future of not only themselves
8 and their families but also to the community at large; and

9 WHEREAS, Collaboration and coordination among the community and
10 technical college system, the four-year colleges and universities, and
11 the independent colleges and private career schools is essential to
12 developing an educated citizenry; and

13 WHEREAS, Washington's citizens would be better served through
14 access to high quality postsecondary education without institutional or
15 organizational barriers to ensure being able to make smooth progress
16 through all levels of higher education they desire; and

17 WHEREAS, Washington does not have a seamless higher education
18 system nor does it have a sufficient system of coordinated higher
19 education planning; and

1 WHEREAS, An essential component of a seamless higher education
2 system is the ability to transfer credit from institution to
3 institution without penalty or unnecessary complication; and

4 WHEREAS, The focus of the authority charged with higher education
5 credit transfer and articulation has been on the transfer of credit
6 from community and technical colleges to four-year institutions while
7 not addressing the issue of credit transfer from four-year institution
8 to four-year institution;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
10 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
11 select committee on the transfer of credit between four-year
12 universities be established, in consultation with the Washington Higher
13 Education Coordinating Board, to review current transfer policies and
14 the statewide transfer of credit policy and agreement, study
15 alternatives, and recommend credit transfer policies between four-year
16 public institutions of higher education in order to make it easier for
17 students to transfer between their universities of choice; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
19 members, four members each selected by the President of the Senate and
20 the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
22 recommendations to the legislature at the regular legislative session
23 in 2005.

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