
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8418

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By Senators Berkey, Swecker, Doumit, Schmidt, Mulliken, Parlette, Keiser, Rasmussen, Haugen and Murray

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1 WHEREAS, The complexity of federal, state, and local permitting
2 processes present coordinating challenges to regulators, project
3 sponsors, and interested stakeholders; and
4 WHEREAS, A more simple, coordinated, and efficient permit system
5 could promote economic development, support state and local land use
6 requirements, and provide environmental protections; and
7 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of permitting processes by a
8 diverse group of stakeholders that includes each major caucus in the
9 legislature and the governor is necessary to make recommendations for
10 changes;
11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
12 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
13 select legislative task force, assisted by an advisory committee, be
14 established to evaluate and make recommendations regarding permitting
15 processes; and
16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
17 force be composed of the chair and ranking minority member of the
18 senate land use and planning committee and the chair and ranking
19 minority member of the house of representatives local government
20 committee; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force gather information
2 regarding streamlining permitting processes and other factors that the
3 task force considers appropriate; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be established
5 to provide assistance upon request of the joint select legislative task
6 force; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall be
8 composed of the following members or their designees: The director of
9 the department of community, trade, and economic development; the
10 director of the department of ecology; the secretary of the department
11 of transportation; the director of the department of fish and wildlife;
12 a representative of a county, selected by the Washington association of
13 counties; a representative of a city, selected by the Washington
14 association of cities; the governor's office; a representative from the
15 business community; a representative from the environmental community;
16 a representative from agriculture; a representative from labor; and a
17 representative from federally recognized Indian tribes; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall select a
19 chair or cochairs from among its members for the purpose of conducting
20 meetings and transmitting information from the advisory committee as a
21 group to the joint select legislative task force; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing its recommendations, the
23 joint select legislative task force shall consult with the advisory
24 committee; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support for the joint select
26 legislative task force and the advisory committee shall be provided by
27 senate committee services and the house of representatives office of
28 program research; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
30 force shall report its findings and recommendations to the appropriate
31 legislative committees by January 1, 2005.

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