

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8419

58th Legislature
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President of the Senate

Adopted by the House March 3, 2004

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved

Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Milton H. Doumit, Jr.,
Secretary of the Senate of the
State of Washington, do hereby
certify that the attached is
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8419
as passed by the Senate and the
House of Representatives on the
dates hereon set forth.

Secretary

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**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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By Senators Franklin, Deccio, Thibaudeau, Keiser, T. Sheldon,
McAuliffe and Kohl-Welles

Read first time 01/19/2004. Referred to Committee on Health & Long-Term Care.

1 WHEREAS, A disproportionate burden of disease, disability, and
2 death exists among women and people of color in the state; and

3 WHEREAS, Infant mortality for American Indians and African-
4 Americans is more than double the rate for non-Hispanic whites; and

5 WHEREAS, African-Americans are more than three times as likely,
6 American Indians and Alaska Natives more than twice as likely, and
7 Hispanics 1.5 times as likely as non-Hispanic whites to die from
8 diabetes; and

9 WHEREAS, Women may express signs and symptoms of diseases,
10 including heart disease, differently than men, and until recently,
11 little attention has been given to the detection, treatment, and
12 prevention of diseases specifically related to the unique needs and
13 experiences of women; and

14 WHEREAS, The foundations for personal health, academic success, and
15 professional achievement begin in early childhood; and

16 WHEREAS, Comprehensive early childhood development programs foster
17 healthy physical, cognitive, and social development; and

18 WHEREAS, Long-term benefits include improved high school graduation
19 rates, decreases in teen pregnancy, decreased delinquency, and higher
20 rates of employment;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
2 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
3 select committee on health disparities be created to identify
4 opportunities for improving health care status and addressing health
5 disparities among women and in communities of color; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight members
7 from committees with jurisdiction over health and committees with
8 jurisdiction over education: Four members of the Senate to be
9 appointed by the President of the Senate, including two members of the
10 majority party and two members of the minority party; and four members
11 of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
12 House of Representatives, including two members from the majority party
13 and two members of the minority party; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee shall:

15 (1) Consider the impact of early childhood development programs on
16 reducing health disparities among women and in communities of color,
17 including a review of information about the sources of critical
18 childhood interventions that impact health disparities such as family
19 resources, child care, education, community organizations, social
20 determinants, and others;

21 (2) Consider opportunities to improve health status of women and
22 people of color by addressing barriers to gender-appropriate and
23 culturally and linguistically appropriate health care and health
24 education materials and practices, including a review of opportunities
25 to increase the number of female and minority health providers in the
26 state through development of career ladder, expanded recruiting,
27 education, and retention programs, so consumers have more choice among
28 health care providers;

29 (3) Address ways to encourage review of the gender, racial, and
30 ethnic composition of the health work force and health career training,
31 education, and career ladder programs;

32 (4) Evaluate the impact of reductions in health care expenditures
33 on women and communities of color;

34 (5) Request input from the American Indian Health Commission, the
35 Commission on African-American Affairs, the Commission on Asian Pacific
36 American Affairs, and the Commission on Hispanic Affairs prior to
37 submitting final review and recommendations to the Legislature; and

1 (6) Complete its review and submit its recommendations to the
2 appropriate policy and fiscal committees of the Legislature by November
3 1, 2005.

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