

SENATE BILL REPORT

SCR 8416

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Government Operations & Elections, January 24, 2006

Brief Description: Moving the September 2006 legislative assembly to a location east of the Cascade Mountains.

Sponsors: Senator Kastama and Kline.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Government Operations & Elections: 1/16/06, 1/24/06 [DPS, DNP, w/oRec].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8416 be substituted therefor, and the substitute concurrent resolution do pass.

Signed by Senators Kastama, Chair; Berkey, Vice Chair; Fairley, Haugen, Kline, McCaslin and Pridemore.

Minority Report: Do not pass.

Signed by Senator Benton.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Roach, Ranking Minority Member.

Staff: Genevieve Pisarski (786-7488)

Background: Concern is expressed that the Legislature, when meeting in Olympia, is not easily accessible to all citizens of the state, especially those living east of the Cascade Mountains, and historically, some of the Legislature's interim assemblies have been held at locations other than Olympia.

Summary of Substitute Bill: The Legislature recognizes that the regions of the state located east and west of the Cascade Mountains each have a distinct character but are united to fulfill common goals and local needs. The Legislature expresses the desire to make itself more accessible and communicate as well as possible with the citizens of the state. It resolves, therefore, that the legislative assembly in September 2006 will be held at a location east of the Cascade Mountains, to be determined jointly by the Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and will be within existing appropriations.

Substitute Bill Compared to Original Bill: The requirement for being within existing appropriations is added.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Who Testified: PRO: No one.

CON: No one.