
ENGROSSED SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8407

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1 WHEREAS, There is concern about state contracts performed, in whole
2 or in part, outside the United States and its impacts on Washington's
3 economy, including its agricultural, manufacturing, and technology
4 sectors; and

5 WHEREAS, There is also concern about contracts entered into by
6 state agencies which are performed, in whole or in part, outside the
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, Business, labor, and government leaders recognize that an
9 objective and thorough study of the impact on Washington's economy of
10 state agency contracts that are performed in whole or in part outside
11 the United States is needed;

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
13 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a study of
14 state contracts performed, in whole or in part, outside the United
15 States and its impacts on Washington's economy be conducted; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study include, but not be limited
17 to, an evaluation of the following:

18 (1)(a) The extent to which the performance of state agency
19 contracts in whole or in part in other countries results in the
20 creation or loss of family-wage or other jobs in Washington;

1 (b) The degree to which the performance of state contracts in whole
2 or in part outside the United States helps Washington's economy and its
3 companies remain competitive globally; and

4 (c) The extent to which state agency contracts being performed in
5 whole or in part in other countries creates a need for adjustment
6 assistance and retraining programs to ensure that Washington's business
7 climate, its employers, and its workers remain competitive globally.

8 (2)(a) The degree to which state contracts, and any subcontracts
9 under such contracts, are being performed at locations outside the
10 United States;

11 (b) The extent to which state contracts performed at locations
12 outside the United States involve a risk of unauthorized use or
13 disclosure of personal information as well as a review of applicable
14 Washington state and federal laws regarding the privacy of personal
15 information;

16 (c) Subject to available funding, the economic costs and benefits
17 of awarding state contracts, and any subcontracts under such contracts,
18 to Washington companies;

19 (d) The applicability of international trade agreements and federal
20 law to state procurement policies; and

21 (e) The extent to which legislative authority over state
22 procurement is adequately protected, including the ability of state
23 agencies to adequately supervise the performance of contracts when all
24 or a portion of the work is performed in a country other than the
25 United States.

26 (3) The reasons Washington businesses choose to locate operations
27 outside the United States; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study be conducted by a joint task
29 force of the Senate and the House of Representatives consisting of the
30 following: Two representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
31 House of Representatives, two representatives to be appointed by the
32 minority leader of the House of Representatives, two senators to be
33 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, and two senators to be
34 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint task force on state
36 contracts performed, in whole or in part, outside the United States
37 consult with and be advised and monitored by an advisory committee
38 consisting of eight members: Three members representing labor,

1 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
2 House of Representatives, from a list of names recommended by a
3 statewide organization representing a cross-section of organized labor
4 in the state; three members representing business, one of whom shall
5 represent small business, appointed jointly by the President of the
6 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from a list of
7 names recommended by a statewide organization of employers representing
8 a cross-section of employers of the state; one member representing the
9 office of the Washington state trade representative; and one member
10 representing the public; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the findings and recommendations of
12 the joint task force on state contracts performed, in whole or in part,
13 outside the United States shall be reported to the legislature by
14 January 1, 2006.

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