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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8202**

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**By** Senators Keiser, Kuderer, Conway, Dhingra, Frame, Hasegawa, Hunt, Liiias, Nguyen, Pedersen, Rolfes, Salomon, Stanford, Valdez, Van De Wege, and C. Wilson; by request of Office of the Governor

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1 BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3 THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, a new Article to  
6 the Constitution of the state of Washington to read as follows:

7 ARTICLE XXXIII

8 REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

9 SECTION 1 REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM. The state shall not deny or  
10 interfere with an individual's reproductive freedom decisions, which  
11 includes the individual's fundamental right to choose to have an  
12 abortion and the individual's fundamental right to choose to use  
13 contraception. This article is intended to expressly set forth the  
14 existing constitutional right to make reproductive freedom decisions  
15 for oneself included in a person's liberty, privacy, and equal  
16 protection rights guaranteed by Article I, sections 3 and 7, Article  
17 XXXI, section 1, or any other applicable provision of the state  
18 Constitution. Initiative measure no. 120, as approved by the people  
19 of Washington in 1991, is consistent with this article. Nothing  
20 herein narrows or limits the right to liberty, privacy, or equal  
21 protection under the laws.

1       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause  
2 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four  
3 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every  
4 legal newspaper in the state.

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