
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4437

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1 WHEREAS, Washington State needs to insure excellence in education
2 and training for its citizens working in high-technology industries;
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4 WHEREAS, The education and capability of its work force is the
5 single most important factor in economic competitiveness; and

6 WHEREAS, The state needs to provide a climate where new and
7 emerging high-technology industries can develop; and

8 WHEREAS, Washington State needs to continually expand its economic
9 base by insuring business investment and expansion; and

10 WHEREAS, There is a need to support industry with science,
11 engineering, and technology related programs that produce graduates and
12 enable Washington-based high-technology firms to recruit locally and
13 provide opportunities to Washington citizens that will improve the
14 quality of life in the state; and

15 WHEREAS, There is a need to represent key institutions and agencies
16 in the planning and development of high-technology industries, and to

1 cooperate in decisions that promote and provide for growth in high-
2 technology industries; and

3 WHEREAS, There is a need to affect and educate the policymakers of
4 the state to maintain and improve the educational opportunities that
5 support high-technology investment;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
7 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a preliminary
8 study be completed and submitted to the Legislature no later than
9 December 15, 1992; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study shall identify the main
11 issues related to becoming a leader in high-technology education.
12 Efforts are needed by business, state and local government, and
13 educational institutions to respond to high-technology needs. The
14 study will make recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature on
15 the steps needed to insure Washington State will become a leader in
16 high-technology in the future; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Governor shall appoint a High-
18 Technology Study Committee for the purpose of this resolution.
19 Representation on the Committee shall insure an adequate number of
20 members from both Eastern and Western Washington. Representatives
21 shall include two members from each caucus in both the House of
22 Representatives and the Senate, one member from the Department of Trade
23 and Economic Development, one member from the Higher Education
24 Coordinating Board, three executive officers of high-technology
25 corporations, and three other members chosen among the citizens at
26 large representing business, labor, government, or educational
27 institutions; and

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Committee shall be authorized to
29 hold meetings, solicit funds, and conduct studies as needed to meet the
30 objectives of the resolution. No state funds are appropriated for this

1 purpose.