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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8404

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By Senator Barr.

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Agriculture & Water Resources.

1 WHEREAS, Public policy encourages the lawful actions of  
2 individuals; and

3 WHEREAS, Washington State University is the exclusive source of  
4 instruction about agriculture; and

5 WHEREAS, The department of agriculture is the agency of government  
6 primarily concerned with assuring that the state agriculture policy is  
7 clearly expressed; and

8 WHEREAS, The cooperatives commercializing agricultural products are  
9 authorized by law so that the value derived by patrons is protected by  
10 public policy; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington State University has continuously provided  
12 instruction about the lawful use of cooperatives; and

13 WHEREAS, The Department of Agriculture supervised the affairs of  
14 agricultural cooperatives for over sixty years pursuant to state  
15 policy; and

1       WHEREAS, The legislature recognizes a need to dispel  
2 inconsistencies in policy in accord with the desires of the people in  
3 ordinary economic pursuits conducted under the law;

4       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
5 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint  
6 select committee on agricultural policy be established to study the  
7 relation of Washington State University, the Washington State  
8 Department of Agriculture, and cooperatives in commerce in agricultural  
9 goods incorporated under chapter 23.86 RCW in order to determine if  
10 further legislative action is advisable to clarify the policy of the  
11 state on agriculture by reporting the relative urgency of any measures  
12 that might be taken regarding the relation of Washington State  
13 University, the Washington State Department of Agriculture, and  
14 cooperatives in order to protect and foster the value of agricultural  
15 commerce under the law; and

16       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of nine members,  
17 two of which shall be members of the senate committee on agriculture  
18 and water resources, representing the majority and minority, appointed  
19 by the president of the senate; two of which shall be members of the  
20 house of representatives committee on agriculture and rural  
21 development, representing the majority and minority, appointed by the  
22 speaker of the house of representatives; one member selected by  
23 Washington State University; one member selected by the director of the  
24 Department of Agriculture; and three members selected by cooperatives  
25 incorporated under chapter 23.86 RCW, or eligible to be so  
26 incorporated, and that are active in agricultural commerce, whether for  
27 patrons who are producers or consumers of goods or services; and

28       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and  
29 recommendations to the legislature at the regular session held in 1992.