

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## SJM 8031

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As Reported By House Committee On:  
Natural Resources & Parks

**Title:** An act relating to the preservation of Sunrise Lodge.

**Sponsors:** Senators Fraser, Deccio, Talmadge, Morton, McCaslin and Roach.

**Brief History:**

Reported by House Committee on:  
Natural Resources & Parks, February 25, 1994, DP.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES & PARKS

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 11 members:  
Representatives Pruitt, Chair; R. Johnson, Vice Chair;  
Stevens, Ranking Minority Member; McMorris, Assistant  
Ranking Minority Member; Dunshee; Linville; Schoesler;  
Sheldon; B. Thomas; Valle and Wolfe.

**Staff:** Linda Byers (786-7129).

**Background:** The Sunrise Lodge in Mt. Rainier National Park was built in 1931 by a concessionaire and was later acquired by the National Park Service. The lodge is a component of the Sunrise Historic District, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

In a draft environmental assessment/development concept plan for the Sunrise area, the National Park Service recommends dismantling the lodge.

**Summary of Bill:** The memorial asks the National Park Service to reconsider its decision to demolish Sunrise Lodge and instead to work with local and statewide interests to preserve the structure.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Testimony For:** Residents in this state with an interest in historic preservation asked for this memorial. The lodge is lovely, and this may help preserve it.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Witnesses:** Senator Karen Fraser, prime sponsor (pro).