
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4411

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1 WHEREAS, The state of Washington is shifting away from an
2 industrial and natural resource-based economy and is entering the
3 information era; and

4 WHEREAS, The governmental and political systems of the industrial
5 era may need to be modified to adapt to the new socioeconomic realities
6 of the information era; and

7 WHEREAS, Washington's entry into the information era requires that
8 the people reexamine the fundamental structure of government to
9 determine whether some elements of the system are obsolete and whether
10 new structures might be needed; and

11 WHEREAS, Washington's entry into the information era requires that
12 the people reexamine the legislative process and the role played by the
13 political parties, special interest groups, the media, and the public;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Washington's entry into the information era requires that
16 the people reexamine the timing of elections and legislative sessions;
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18 WHEREAS, Washington's entry into the information era requires that
19 the people reexamine the political system and the roles played by the
20 political parties, the special interest groups, the media, and the
21 public;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
2 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a task force on
3 Democracy in the Twenty-First Century be established to identify
4 whether structural and procedural changes are needed in the political
5 system and in government, to propose needed legislation, and to
6 determine the need for a state constitutional convention; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
8 members, four members each selected by the Speaker of the House of
9 Representatives and the President of the Senate with two members from
10 each of the four caucuses; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee invite the political
12 parties, a broad range of special interest groups, the media, and the
13 public to participate in this effort; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
15 recommendations to the legislature at the regular session held in 1995.

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