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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4412

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By Representatives Jacobsen, Miller, Anderson, R. Fisher and Finkbeiner

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1            WHEREAS, The legislature wishes to recognize the value of poetry  
2 and the contribution Washington poets make to the culture of our state;  
3 and

4            WHEREAS, The legislature wishes to promote the Washington wine  
5 industry in recognition of wine as the traditional beverage  
6 complementing the cultivation of the arts;

7            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
8 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the governor  
9 appoint a Washington poet to serve as the poet laureate of the state of  
10 Washington. The duties of the poet laureate are to write poetry and  
11 lofty expressions to be read at appropriate state occasions. The term  
12 of the poet laureate is two years.

13            Before making an appointment under this section, the governor shall  
14 confer with a committee consisting of one member appointed by the  
15 speaker of the house of representatives, one member appointed by the  
16 president of the senate, and one member appointed by the governor. The  
17 committee shall recommend to the governor one or more candidates for  
18 poet laureate after seeking and considering nominations from poets,  
19 writers, poetry critics, professors of English, magazine and literary  
20 review editors, state and local arts commission members, and any other

1 persons the committee determines to have exhibited an exceptional  
2 knowledge of poetry; and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the salary of the poet laureate  
4 consists of one butt of Washington wine per year donated by  
5 representatives of the Washington wine industry. For the purposes of  
6 RCW 66.28.040, the poet laureate qualifies as a board representative.

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