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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4434

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By Representatives Jacobsen, Brumsickle, Ogden, Quall, Flemming, Sheahan, Schoesler, Orr, Carlson, Wood, Foreman, Basich, Kessler, Bray, Mastin, Rayburn and Anderson

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1 WHEREAS, The state of Washington and the institutions of higher  
2 education are operating in times of tremendous change that is both  
3 financial and societal; and

4 WHEREAS, Washington's public colleges and universities are subject  
5 to many state laws and rules designed to regulate state agencies and  
6 these laws and rules may not assist the institutions of higher  
7 education to carry out their educational missions in an effective  
8 manner; and

9 WHEREAS, It is becoming increasingly difficult for the state to  
10 provide the level of funding necessary to support access to high  
11 quality postsecondary education and work force training programs  
12 indispensable to Washington's residents and to the state's economic  
13 vitality; and

14 WHEREAS, It is time to examine the relationship of the state to its  
15 public institutions of higher education, to reexamine the principles  
16 that define higher education, to distinguish the contribution of both  
17 public and independent postsecondary institutions, and to determine the  
18 state's role in supporting citizens' access to those institutions;

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
20 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the joint select  
21 committee on higher education be established to study state policies

1 affecting higher education, including financing of and budgeting for  
2 public colleges and universities, management flexibility and  
3 accountability, tuition, financial aid, and governance; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee also  
5 consider the role of the state in providing an affordable, flexible,  
6 cost-effective, and accountable educational enterprise offering  
7 lifelong learning; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee consist of  
9 twelve voting members chosen as follows: Six members of the House of  
10 Representatives, three from each caucus appointed by the Speaker of the  
11 House of Representatives, and six members of the Senate, three members  
12 from each caucus appointed by the President of the Senate; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee select cochairs from  
14 among its own members and that these cochairs be empowered to invite  
15 nonvoting members to assist the committee in its deliberations; and

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consult with the office  
17 of financial management, the higher education coordinating board, the  
18 state board for community and technical colleges, representatives of  
19 Washington's public and private four-year institutions of higher  
20 education, the work force training and education coordinating board,  
21 and other groups and individuals as the issue being studied requires;  
22 and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staffing to the committee be provided  
24 by the office of program research and senate committee services and  
25 that the joint select committee may request assistance and support as  
26 necessary from those agencies consulted; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That committee members be reimbursed for  
28 travel in accordance with RCW 44.04.120; and

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its preliminary  
30 findings and recommendations to the legislature by January 5, 1995, and  
31 any additional recommendations by March 15, 1995; and

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee's study replace the  
33 study of funding policies and revenue sources for postsecondary  
34 education by a citizen-legislator task force as described in Substitute  
35 House Concurrent Resolution No. 4408, adopted by the legislature during  
36 the 1993 legislative session.

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