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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8430**

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**By** Senators Franklin, Deccio, Wojahn, Moyer, Schow, Thibaudeau, Winsley, Rasmussen and Goings

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1       WHEREAS, The Legislature established a comprehensive state-wide  
2 emergency medical care system in 1990; and

3       WHEREAS, Trauma care is an essential and beneficial component of  
4 the emergency medical care system; and

5       WHEREAS, Increasing pressure and demands are being placed upon the  
6 trauma care system state-wide; and

7       WHEREAS, Standards for facility, equipment, and personnel for  
8 trauma care and pediatric trauma care were established by September  
9 1990 pursuant to state law; and

10       WHEREAS, By July 1993, the department of health was authorized to  
11 designate hospitals and health care facilities to provide designated  
12 trauma care services; and

13       WHEREAS, There is a lack of financial resources to meet the needs  
14 of the trauma care system, which has never been properly funded;

15       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of  
16 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the  
17 department of health shall conduct or cause to be conducted a study on  
18 all costs, charges, expenses, and levels of reimbursement associated  
19 with providers of designated trauma care services; and

20       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the department of health prepare a  
21 report that includes recommendations for reimbursement of

1 undercompensated and uncompensated trauma care at designated trauma  
2 care facilities state-wide. This report shall be submitted to the  
3 appropriate committees of the legislature by July 1, 1997.

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