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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4428

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By Representatives Regala, Talcott and Chandler

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1 WHEREAS, The legislature recognizes the value of lakes in providing  
2 habitat for fish and wildlife; recreational opportunities for fishing,  
3 swimming, and boating; flood control; and drinking water; and

4 WHEREAS, Many lakes in the state have become infested with nuisance  
5 and noxious weeds that may limit the habitat and recreational value of  
6 lakes; and

7 WHEREAS, Current state policies may create a deterrent to effective  
8 management of lakes by limiting the control of aquatic plants; and

9 WHEREAS, The Joint Select Committee on Lake Health, created in  
10 1996, has made substantial progress in examining state agency policies,  
11 local planning, and aquatic plant permitting related to lakes, but many  
12 issues remain to be resolved;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
14 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select  
15 committee on lakes be established to review state agency activities  
16 related to lakes, including aquatic plant management, pollution  
17 control, and lake restoration planning; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight  
19 members, two from each of the two largest caucuses of the House of  
20 Representatives and of the Senate, appointed by the Speaker of the

1 House of Representatives and the President of the Senate, respectively;  
2 and  
3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and  
4 recommendations to the legislature by January 1, 1999.

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