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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8401**

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**State of Washington**

**55th Legislature**

**1997 Regular Session**

**By Senators McDonald, Sellar and Johnson**

Read first time 1/13/97.

1       WHEREAS, The members of the legislature have recognized the  
2 importance of testing a system for the joint sponsorship of bills;

3       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
4 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That during the  
5 1997 legislative session twenty senate bills, memorials, or resolutions  
6 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "bills") may also be sponsored  
7 by a member or members of the House of Representatives; and twenty  
8 house bills may also be sponsored by a member or members of the Senate;  
9 and

10       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the jointly sponsored bills shall be  
11 allocated to the respective four caucuses as follows: Senate majority  
12 caucus, ten bills; Senate minority caucus, ten bills; House of  
13 Representatives majority caucus, eleven bills; and the House of  
14 Representatives minority caucus, nine bills. Each caucus may determine  
15 which of its members' bills are eligible to be jointly sponsored; and

16       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the course of Senate bills and House  
17 bills that are jointly sponsored is governed by the Permanent Rules of  
18 the Senate or House of Representatives as the case may be, the Joint  
19 Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, and any concurrent  
20 resolution adopting cutoff dates; except (1) a jointly sponsored bill  
21 must be introduced by Tuesday, February 11, 1997, the thirtieth day of

1 the 1997 Regular Session, and (2) members from the opposite house may  
2 not sign as sponsors of a jointly sponsored bill after the bill has  
3 been dropped into the hopper in the Office of the Code Reviser; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a jointly sponsored bill must be  
5 distinguishable from other bills by carrying a signature sheet and bill  
6 back of colors different that those used for other bills; and before  
7 producing a jointly sponsored bill, the Office of the Code Reviser must  
8 have received a written request signed by the Secretary of the Senate,  
9 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the leader of the  
10 caucus whose member is the first sponsor on the bill; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That prefiled bills may be redrafted and  
12 introduced as jointly sponsored bills under the procedures described in  
13 this resolution.

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