
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4407

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By Representatives Murray, Mitchell, Edmonds, Esser and Carlson

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1 WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board is charged with
2 the duty of preparing a comprehensive master plan for higher education
3 in this state; and

4 WHEREAS, The state master plan for higher education sets a goal for
5 increasing enrollment in postsecondary education by the year 2010 and
6 the year 2020. The goal is to increase lower-division enrollment at
7 the rate of population growth, and upper-division and graduate
8 enrollments to the national average participation rate by the year 2010
9 and the national 70th percentile participation rate by the year 2020.
10 To meet these enrollment goals, 59,000 new full-time equivalent
11 students will enter the system by the year 2010 and 92,000 by the year
12 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, The Governor's 2020 Commission on the future of
14 postsecondary education recommended increasing the higher education
15 enrollment goal to better respond to the growing demands of a
16 knowledge-based economy and challenged the state to find creative
17 solutions to serve the growing number of people without building new
18 college campuses; and

19 WHEREAS, The legislature has a responsibility to preserve and
20 maintain the existing investment in higher education capital assets

1 while balancing the need for new facilities to meet the growing student
2 enrollment levels; and

3 WHEREAS, The legislature must evaluate the policy, financial, and
4 facility implications of the higher enrollment goals for higher
5 education;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
7 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select
8 committee on the future facility needs of higher education be
9 established to review the proposed higher education enrollment levels
10 in the state master plan, review the facility needs for future
11 students, and review the funding options for additional higher
12 education facilities in the state; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of eight
14 members, four members each selected by the President of the Senate and
15 the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives and that the committee
16 be represented by a member from the House Capital Budget Committee,
17 House Appropriations Committee, House Higher Education Committee,
18 Senate Ways and Means Committee, and Senate Higher Education Committee;
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
21 recommendations to the legislature at the regular session held in 2000.

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