
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8424

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By Senate Committee on Environmental Quality & Water Resources
(originally sponsored by Senators Swecker, Eide, Honeyford, Morton,
McAuliffe, Hale, Winsley, Rasmussen and Oke)

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1 WHEREAS, Federal statutes and regulations compel action by state
2 and local governments and these federal mandates are rarely supported
3 with funding adequate to implement the required actions; and

4 WHEREAS, A preliminary analysis of state water quality programs
5 reveals that the six million six hundred thousand dollars in federal
6 funding per biennium represents less than nine percent of total program
7 expenditures; and

8 WHEREAS, Total unmet water quality program needs are estimated to
9 exceed one billion dollars each biennium; and

10 WHEREAS, Federal mandates under authority of the Endangered Species
11 Act, the Clean Air Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response,
12 Compensation and Liability Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, the
13 Safe Drinking Water Act, and other environmental statutes may impose
14 unfunded burdens on state and local governments of a similar magnitude
15 to water quality programs;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
17 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the joint
18 select committee on unfunded federal mandates relating to environmental
19 protection be established and that the committee review existing
20 federal legal and regulatory authorities, estimate current unfunded
21 mandates, project future trends in federal funding to meet programs

1 required by the federal mandates, and identify options available to the
2 state to comply with legal requirements and stimulate full federal
3 partnership in funding required programs; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on unfunded
5 federal mandates relating to environmental protection consist of eight
6 members, four members each selected by the President of the Senate and
7 the Co-Speakers of the House of Representatives, and that staff support
8 be provided by Senate Committee Services and the Office of Program
9 Research; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on unfunded
11 federal mandates relating to environmental protection invite a person
12 from the staff of each member of the delegation representing Washington
13 State in the United States House of Representatives and the United
14 States Senate to participate in the work of the committee; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee on unfunded
16 federal mandates relating to environmental protection report its
17 findings to the legislature by January 15, 2001.

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