

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8406

56th Legislature  
1999 Regular Session

Passed by the Senate April 22, 1999  
YEAS 41 NAYS 0

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President of the Senate

Passed by the House April 16, 1999  
YEAS 97 NAYS 0

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

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Speaker of the  
House of Representatives

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Tony M. Cook, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8406** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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Secretary

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Secretary of State  
State of Washington

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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**By** Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Snyder, McCaslin, Franklin and Goings)

Read first time 02/09/1999.

1            WHEREAS, On January 8, 1993, Grant Anderson was sworn in as a judge  
2 for the Superior Court of the State of Washington, Pierce County; and

3            WHEREAS, In 1989, then attorney Anderson became personal  
4 representative for the estate of Charles Hoffman, the assets of which  
5 estate included Pacific Lanes, Inc., owner of a Tacoma bowling alley;  
6 and

7            WHEREAS, In 1889, the people of the Territory of Washington  
8 ratified the Constitution of the State of Washington that established  
9 the judiciary as a separate branch of government under Article IV,  
10 vested the judicial power of the state in the Supreme Court and lower  
11 courts under Article IV, Section 1, and established an independent and  
12 autonomous power of the legislature to remove a superior court judge  
13 from office under Article IV, Section 9, or to impeach and remove a  
14 superior court judge from office under Article V; and

15            WHEREAS, In 1989, the voters of Washington adopted Article IV,  
16 Section 31 of the State Constitution, establishing a Commission on  
17 Judicial Conduct to investigate alleged violations of rules of judicial  
18 conduct and to recommend disciplinary action to the State Supreme  
19 Court; and

20            WHEREAS, The Commission on Judicial Conduct concluded under a  
21 clear, cogent, and convincing evidence standard that Judge Anderson

1 violated several Canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct concerning his  
2 actions as personal representative by: (1) Failing to remove himself  
3 as president of two corporations owned by the Hoffman estate while he  
4 served as a judge; (2) accepting compensation from the purchaser of an  
5 estate asset; and (3) failing to report such compensation to the Public  
6 Disclosure Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, On April 3, 1998, the Commission on Judicial Conduct  
8 ordered that Judge Anderson be censured; and recommended that the  
9 Supreme Court suspend Judge Anderson for four months without pay; and

10 WHEREAS, This matter is on appeal to the Supreme Court; and

11 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in the Anderson  
12 case on February 9, 1999, but has yet to render a decision; and

13 WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has authority under Article IV, Section  
14 1 and Article IV, Section 31 of the State Constitution to adopt the  
15 Commission's recommendations, to adopt other sanctions, or to remove  
16 Judge Anderson from office; and

17 WHEREAS, Out of respect for the constitutional process for judicial  
18 discipline enacted by the voters in 1989, and as a matter of comity,  
19 the legislature should withhold its judgment to exercise its  
20 constitutional powers of removal until the process established by the  
21 people has had a reasonable opportunity to run its course;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
23 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the House and  
24 Senate Committees on Judiciary, either individually or jointly at their  
25 discretion, shall within two weeks of the release of the decision of  
26 the Supreme Court on the Judge Anderson matter, or no later than  
27 December 10, 1999, schedule a meeting of the committees to review the  
28 matter of Judge Anderson.

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