
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8406

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By Senators Shin, Rasmussen, Franklin, Roach, Prentice, McAuliffe, Regala, Fraser, Jacobsen and Gardner

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1 WHEREAS, Washington state trade missions play a vital and important
2 role in the state's economic development, promoting the growth of
3 businesses and agriculture, and resulting in job creation; and

4 WHEREAS, The participation of Washington state legislators in trade
5 missions is crucial to the success of fostering strong relations with
6 the state's trading partners and of creating new trade opportunities
7 for businesses in Washington state; and

8 WHEREAS, The participation of Washington state legislators in trade
9 missions enables the legislature to craft legislation which better
10 addresses trade and fosters better understanding between the people of
11 Washington state and the people of other nations; and

12 WHEREAS, The involvement of Washington state legislators in trade
13 missions should be governed by protocols adopted by the legislature;

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
15 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the following
16 protocols for legislative participation in executive agency trade
17 missions be established; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That state trade missions will be initiated
19 and organized by the executive of the agency, which includes the Office
20 of the Governor; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the executive agency organizing the
2 trade mission will inform both houses of the legislature of forthcoming
3 missions in a timely manner. In its official notice to the
4 legislature, the executive agency shall be responsible for providing
5 the following information:

6 (1) A statement of trade mission objectives, dates, and expected
7 itinerary; and

8 (2) A description of the type of knowledge, background, and
9 experience held by a delegation member which might provide assistance
10 to the trade mission; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the agency may request that one of the
12 participating legislators serve as designated leader of the trade
13 mission; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That at least one or more legislators from
15 each caucus of the Senate and the House of Representatives may
16 participate in the trade mission, depending on the size and scope of
17 the mission. The agency will be notified of the legislative
18 participants in a timely manner; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That whenever possible, legislators
20 possessing business, foreign market, language, cultural expertise, or
21 an interest pertinent to the trade mission are encouraged to
22 participate; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each legislative participant is
24 responsible for assisting the trade mission achieve its stated goals
25 and objectives; and

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the designated leader of the trade
27 mission will work closely with agency staff to develop the trade
28 mission protocols and responsibilities and define the working
29 relationship with agency staff; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That following completion of the trade
31 mission, upon request, each legislative participant is encouraged to
32 provide feedback concerning the mission and its results to the agency
33 in a timely manner; and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That nothing in this resolution precludes
35 members of the legislature from participating in the mission.

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