
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8412

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By Senators Morton and McCaslin

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1 WHEREAS, Since statehood, the lifestyles, culture, and economies of
2 Eastern and Western Washington have been very distinct; and

3 WHEREAS, A similar distinction is also true of Eastern and Western
4 Oregon; and

5 WHEREAS, The similarities between Eastern Washington, Eastern
6 Oregon, and Idaho and Western Washington and Western Oregon are
7 dramatic; and

8 WHEREAS, Urbanization and rapid growth in the western portions of
9 Washington and Oregon has progressively heightened this divergence of
10 cultural and economic values from that of the eastern portions of the
11 states; and

12 WHEREAS, A reconsideration of the state boundary lines of
13 Washington, Oregon, and Idaho in light of these divergences and
14 similarities is in order;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
16 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a select
17 committee on state boundaries be established to study the feasibility
18 of boundary line changes and the process to accomplish such changes;
19 and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of four members:
21 Two from the Washington State House of Representatives, one from each

1 major political caucus, appointed by the Co-Speakers of the House of
2 Representatives; and two from the Washington State Senate, one from
3 each major political caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;
4 and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Senate Committee Services and the
6 Office of Program Research shall provide staff for the committee; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee report its findings and
8 recommendations to the Washington State Legislature by December 28,
9 2001; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That if the states of Idaho or Oregon have
11 committees created for a similar purpose, the Washington state select
12 committee on state boundaries is authorized to meet with the Idaho and
13 Oregon committees.

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