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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8414**

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**State of Washington                      57th Legislature                      2001 Regular Session**

**By Senators Jacobsen, Kohl-Welles, Carlson and Rasmussen**

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1            WHEREAS, Opportunities for students to attend institutions of  
2 higher education are important to the future of the State of  
3 Washington; and

4            WHEREAS, For many students, the opportunity to attend colleges and  
5 universities depends upon tuition levels, financial aid, and  
6 scholarships; and

7            WHEREAS, Both the public and private sectors of the state of  
8 Washington, together with the community, should strengthen their  
9 opportunity to support, jointly and individually, higher education in  
10 Washington state;

11            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
12 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a blue ribbon  
13 task force be established on expanding scholarship and financial aid  
14 for higher education students in Washington State; and

15            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall study tuition,  
16 the availability of federal and state financial aid, scholarships, and  
17 the effects of tax deductions for tuition and student loans; and

18            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall consist of two  
19 members each from the minority and majority caucuses of the Senate and  
20 the minority and majority caucuses of the House of Representatives; and

1       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the legislature requests that the  
2 following entities nominate members to serve on the task force as  
3 follows: One member each from the board of regents of the University  
4 of Washington and of Washington State University, one member from each  
5 board of trustees from the regional institutions of higher education  
6 and The Evergreen State College, three members representing the  
7 community and technical colleges of Washington State, three members  
8 representing the private institutions of higher education in Washington  
9 State, three students selected by the Washington Student Lobby, one  
10 representative of the higher education coordinating board, one  
11 representative of the state board for community and technical colleges,  
12 and four members of the community nominated by the legislative members  
13 of the task force; and

14       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its  
15 findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than December  
16 15, 2001.

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