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By Senator Keiser

1 On page 1, after "WHEREAS," on line 1, strike everything and insert
2 the following:

3 "Offshore outsourcing of public and private sector jobs has created
4 concern about job loss in Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, Some contracts entered into by state agencies are being
6 performed, in whole or in part, outside the United States; and

7 WHEREAS, The legislature is concerned that these state contracts
8 are being entered into with little, if any, legislative oversight; and

9 WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing of private sector jobs is creating
10 concern about unemployment in our state and demands on our public
11 services; and

12 WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing of public and private sector work may
13 be eroding job opportunities and continuing to affect Washington
14 families and communities already suffering from high unemployment and
15 a jobless recovery; and

16 WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing may put at risk the privacy of
17 medical records, financial data, and other personal information of
18 Washington citizens; and

19 WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing may impact state and local tax
20 revenues needed to provide for the basic education, as well as to
21 protect the public health and safety, of Washington citizens; and

22 WHEREAS, Offshore outsourcing may result in transfers of knowledge
23 and core functions that curb entrepreneurial activities and limit
24 technological innovation essential to the future economic success of
25 Washington businesses; and

26 WHEREAS, The legislature invests significant public resources in
27 work force training and retraining, and wants to ensure that students
28 and workers who benefit from these investments have opportunities to
29 climb career ladders from entry-level jobs to family-wage jobs, and to
30 enjoy the prosperity that is the American dream; and

31 WHEREAS, The legislature has also invested significant public
32 resources in business development, recruitment, and retention, and

1 wants to ensure that corporations that benefit from these investments
2 are accountable to the legislature and the citizens of Washington
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, The legislature is concerned about and wants to examine
5 the potential consequences of offshore outsourcing;

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
7 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a study of
8 offshore outsourcing be conducted to evaluate the following issues:

9 The degree to which state contracts, and any subcontracts awarded
10 under such contracts, are being performed at locations outside the
11 United States;

12 The extent to which the following are adequate to protect
13 legislative authority over state procurement: The process for making
14 and extending the state's commitments under the agreement on government
15 procurement of the world trade organization and other international
16 trade agreements; and the exceptions in the agreement on government
17 procurement of the world trade organization and other international
18 trade agreements;

19 The applicability of international trade agreements to state
20 procurement policies;

21 The compliance of signatories to such agreements with international
22 and state child labor, environmental protection, human rights, and
23 labor standards;

24 The effects of such agreements on domestic preferences adopted by
25 signatories to such agreements;

26 The economic benefit of awarding personal services, purchased
27 services, civil service, and public works contracts to Washington
28 companies, including: The number of total employment positions; and
29 the number of full-time, part-time, and temporary employment positions
30 as a percent of total employment;

31 The economic impacts of performing work under personal services,
32 purchased services, civil service, and public works contracts in
33 Washington, including: The multiplier effect on state and local tax
34 revenues; and the multiplier effect on state and local employment
35 levels;

36 The cost to the state of retraining workers who are separated from
37 employment because their positions were outsourced to locations outside
38 the United States, and issues relative to their eligibility for
39 training benefits under RCW 50.22.150;

1 The extent to which state contracts performed at locations outside
2 the United States involve solicitation or disclosure of personal
3 information; and

4 The relationship between state labor market conditions, including
5 unemployment rate and implications for trade-dependent industries, and
6 offshore outsourcing decisions; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study be conducted by a joint task
8 force of the House of Representatives and the Senate consisting of the
9 following: Two representatives to be appointed by the Speaker of the
10 House of Representatives, two representatives to be appointed by the
11 minority leader of the House of Representatives, two senators to be
12 appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, and two senators to be
13 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint task force, in conjunction
15 with the private sector, consult with and be advised and monitored by
16 an advisory committee consisting of ten members: Three members
17 representing labor, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate
18 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, from a list of names
19 recommended by a statewide organization representing a cross-section
20 and majority of organized labor in the state; three members
21 representing business, one of whom shall represent small business,
22 appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
23 House of Representatives, from a list of names recommended by a
24 statewide organization of employers representing a majority of
25 employers of the state; one member representing the office of the
26 Washington state trade representative; one member representing an
27 international human rights organization; one member representing an
28 international environmental protection organization; and one member
29 representing the public; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the findings and recommendations of
31 the joint task force shall be reported to the house of representatives
32 committees on commerce and labor, state government, technology,
33 telecommunications, and energy, trade and economic development, the
34 senate committees on commerce and trade, economic development,
35 government operations and elections, and technology and communications,
36 and the joint legislative oversight committee on trade policy, or their
37 successor committees, by December 1, 2004."

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