
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4404

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By Representatives McDermott, Tom, Quall, Talcott and Hunt

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1 WHEREAS, Education is the paramount duty of the state of Washington
2 and is essential to the economic health, cultural diversity, civic
3 vitality, and political well-being of the state and the nation; and
4 WHEREAS, Our schools, through education reform, are expected to
5 prepare an ever-growing number of high school graduates for entry into
6 technologically complex employment and postsecondary education; and
7 WHEREAS, The organization of the K-12 education system could be
8 streamlined and reorganized to facilitate improved coordination and
9 cooperation among the agencies and organizations with responsibility
10 for educating young students; and
11 WHEREAS, A streamlined and aligned governance structure for
12 Washington's schools could improve the delivery of educational programs
13 and save money that could be reinvested in improved educational
14 opportunities for students; and
15 WHEREAS, A governance structure should foster collaboration and
16 coordination among all sectors of education including but not limited
17 to prekindergarten, the K-12 system, higher education, and
18 organizations that support lifelong learning and work force training;
19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives,
20 the Senate concurring, That a joint select committee composed of eight

1 members of the legislature be appointed as follows: Four members of
2 the House of Representatives, two from each caucus to be appointed by
3 the Speaker of the House of Representatives and four members of the
4 Senate, two from each caucus to be appointed by the President of the
5 Senate; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee may
7 determine its chair or cochairs; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee examine the
9 governance structure of the state's kindergarten through twelfth grade
10 education system and develop a plan to provide improved coordination,
11 alignment, and accountability of the state's education system, with a
12 special emphasis on the agencies and organizations that support
13 education at the state and regional levels. In developing the plan,
14 the joint select committee shall consult agencies and organizations
15 that have an interest in education including the governor, the
16 superintendent of public instruction, the state board of education, the
17 professional educator standards board, the academic achievement and
18 accountability commission, the educational service districts, the work
19 force training and education coordinating board, and representatives of
20 educators, school directors, administrators, principals, staff,
21 business, labor, parents, and students; and

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee provide to
23 the House of Representatives and Senate education committees an interim
24 report by December 1, 2003, and a final report by December 1, 2004; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select committee terminate
26 December 31, 2004.

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