
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8402

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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 following protocol order of
2 precedence will be established for executive agency trade missions:

- 3 (1) Governor;
- 4 (2) Lieutenant governor;
- 5 (3) Secretary of state;
- 6 (4) State treasurer;
- 7 (5) State auditor;
- 8 (6) Attorney general;
- 9 (7) Superintendent of public instruction;
- 10 (8) Commissioner of public lands;
- 11 (9) Insurance commissioner;
- 12 (10) Chief justice of the supreme court;
- 13 (11) Former governors;
- 14 (12) Justices of the supreme court;
- 15 (13) Speaker of the house of representatives;
- 16 (14) President pro tempore of the senate;
- 17 (15) Members of the senate;
- 18 (16) Members of the house of representatives;
- 19 (17) Members of the executive cabinet:
 - 20 (a) Governor's special trade representative;
 - 21 (b) Director of trade and economic development;
 - 22 (c) Director of agriculture;
 - 23 (d) Other members of the governor's executive cabinet;
 - 24 (e) Chief of staff to the governor;
- 25 (18) Former lieutenant governors;
- 26 (19) Former secretaries of state; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the executive agency organizing the
28 trade mission will inform both houses of the legislature of forthcoming
29 missions in a timely manner. In its official notice to the
30 legislature, the executive agency shall be responsible for providing
31 the following information:

- 32 (1) A statement of trade mission objectives, dates, and expected
33 itinerary; and
- 34 (2) A description of the type of knowledge, background, and
35 experience held by a delegation member which might provide assistance
36 to the trade mission; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the agency may request that one of the

1 participating legislators serve as designated leader of the trade
2 mission; and

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That whenever possible, legislators
9 possessing business, foreign market, language, cultural expertise, or
10 an interest pertinent to the trade mission are encouraged to
11 participate; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That each legislative participant is
13 responsible for assisting the trade mission achieve its stated goals
14 and objectives; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the designated leader of the trade
16 mission will work closely with agency staff to develop the trade
17 mission protocols and responsibilities and define the working
18 relationship with agency staff; and

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Office of the Governor, in
20 consultation with the legislature, shall develop a two-tier fee system
21 that establishes separate fees for nonlegislative participants and
22 legislative participants where the fee charged legislative
23 participants, including their guests and legislative staff, does not
24 exceed the actual costs associated with their participation in the
25 trade mission; and

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

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

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