
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8405

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By Senators Doumit and Jacobsen

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1 WHEREAS, A Major League Baseball Team would be a tremendous asset
2 to the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area and the entire Northwest
3 Region; and

4 WHEREAS, Portland is under strong consideration by Major League
5 Baseball to receive a Major League Baseball Franchise; and

6 WHEREAS, A recent study by Game Plan LLC., has shown that Portland
7 has the most favorable economic demographics of any city without a
8 Major League Baseball Team; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Washington has a close cultural, economic,
10 and intergovernmental relationship with the State of Oregon; and

11 WHEREAS, Tourism, emerging industries, and small businesses in the
12 entire Northwest Region will benefit from the presence of a Major
13 League Baseball Team in the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area; and

14 WHEREAS, Portland has less rainfall during the Major League
15 Baseball season than sixteen other Major League cities; and

16 WHEREAS, The Northwest Region has legacy world class facilities
17 including the Space Needle, the Sundome, and Safeco Field, to name a
18 few; and

19 WHEREAS, The rivalry and comradery that would be generated between

1 the Seattle Mariners' fans and fans in the Portland/Vancouver
2 metropolitan area would enhance the vitality of the region; and

3 WHEREAS, As partners in the Northwest Region, the citizens of
4 Washington want to explore opportunities to encourage and advocate the
5 Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area as the next home to a Major League
6 Baseball Franchise;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of
8 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a Joint
9 Select Committee on Securing a Second Major League Baseball Team for
10 the Pacific Northwest is created; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee consist of four members,
12 one from each caucus of the Senate, appointed by the President of the
13 Senate, and one from each caucus of the House of Representatives,
14 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee make recommendations to
16 the legislature before the 2004 legislative session on the appropriate
17 policies to support and assist the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area
18 in securing the relocation of a Major League Baseball Franchise to the
19 Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee may establish an
21 advisory group of all interested parties and have access to and the
22 assistance of legislative staff and employees of state agencies as
23 necessary to perform the study and develop recommendations.

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