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By Senate Committee on Natural Resources, Energy & Water (originally sponsored by Senators Berkey, Swecker, Doumit, Schmidt, Mulliken, Parlette, Keiser, Rasmussen, Haugen and Murray)

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1 WHEREAS, The complexity of federal, state, and local permitting
2 processes present coordinating challenges to regulators, project
3 sponsors, and interested stakeholders; and

4 WHEREAS, A more simple, coordinated, and efficient permit system
5 could promote economic development, support state and local land use
6 requirements, and provide environmental protections; and

7 WHEREAS, A comprehensive review of permitting processes by a
8 diverse group of stakeholders that includes each major caucus in the
9 legislature and the governor is necessary to make recommendations for
10 changes;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
12 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That a joint
13 select legislative task force be established to evaluate and make
14 recommendations regarding permitting processes; and

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
16 force invite the governor to join with it and form a "Five-Corner Task
17 Force"; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
19 force be composed of the chair and ranking minority member of the

1 senate land use and planning committee and the chair and ranking
2 minority member of the house of representatives local government
3 committee; and

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force gather information
5 regarding streamlining permitting processes and other factors that the
6 task force considers appropriate; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be established
8 to provide assistance upon request of the task force; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall be
10 composed of the following members or their designees: The commissioner
11 of public lands; the director of the department of community, trade,
12 and economic development; the director of the department of ecology;
13 the secretary of the department of transportation; the director of the
14 department of fish and wildlife; a representative of a county, selected
15 by the Washington association of counties; a representative of a city,
16 selected by the Washington association of cities; a representative from
17 the business community; a representative from the environmental
18 community; a representative from agriculture; a representative from
19 labor; and a representative from federally recognized Indian tribes;
20 and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall select a
22 chair or cochairs from among its members for the purpose of conducting
23 meetings and transmitting information from the advisory committee as a
24 group to the task force; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing its recommendations, the
26 task force shall consult with the advisory committee; and

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support for the task force and
28 the advisory committee shall be provided by senate committee services
29 and the house of representatives office of program research; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force shall report its
31 findings and recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees
32 by January 1, 2005.

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