
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4406

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By Representatives Williams, Buck, Moeller, Hinkle and B. Sullivan

Read first time . Referred to .

1 WHEREAS, Long-term sustainable and economically productive
2 watersheds are necessary for the well-being of the citizens of the
3 state of Washington; and

4 WHEREAS, In times of decreasing revenues and increasing demands, it
5 is critically important to ensure the efficient and effective use of
6 scarce financial resources by avoiding overlap and duplication of
7 effort among watershed-based planning and implementation efforts; and

8 WHEREAS, Thirty-seven local watershed planning areas, twenty-six
9 lead entity salmon groups, and five regional salmon recovery entities
10 have been successfully implementing projects and developing plans to
11 improve watershed health and recover salmon populations; and

12 WHEREAS, Local salmon recovery groups have established an efficient
13 process for developing and prioritizing local salmon recovery projects
14 that are submitted to the salmon recovery funding board for funding
15 consideration; and

16 WHEREAS, Implementation of regional salmon recovery plans and local
17 watershed plans must be coordinated with existing watershed projects,
18 monitoring, and other activities in a manner ensuring continued
19 improvements for watershed health and salmon recovery;

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of
2 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That a joint select
3 legislative task force be established to evaluate and make
4 recommendations to the legislature regarding the implementation of
5 watershed health and salmon recovery plans; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the evaluation and recommendations of
7 the joint select legislative task force include:

8 (1) A review of the current status of local watershed and salmon
9 recovery plans and projects;

10 (2) A review of the current sources and uses of funding for
11 administration, planning, and project implementation;

12 (3) A review of the organizational structure and governance of the
13 regional recovery organizations and watershed level entities currently
14 preparing or implementing plans and projects;

15 (4) The development of recommendations for any changes, if
16 necessary, to current governance and organizational structures;

17 (5) The development of recommendations for new or existing sources
18 of funding for ongoing administration, projects, plan implementation,
19 and monitoring; and

20 (6) The development of recommendations for improving the allocation
21 of mitigation funding on a watershed basis, consistent with the state's
22 policies and programs of optimizing mitigation projects; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
24 force be composed of the chair and ranking minority member of the house
25 of representatives economic development, agriculture, and trade
26 committee; the chair and ranking minority member of the house of
27 representatives natural resources, ecology, and parks committee; the
28 chair and ranking minority member of the house of representatives
29 capital budget committee; the chair and ranking minority member of the
30 senate water, energy, and environment committee; the chair and ranking
31 minority member of the senate natural resources, ocean, and recreation
32 committee; and the chair and ranking minority member of the senate ways
33 and means committee; and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force gather information that
35 the task force considers appropriate for the evaluation of the next
36 steps needed to successfully implement actions identified in watershed
37 and salmon recovery plans; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an advisory committee be established
2 to provide assistance to the task force, upon request of the task
3 force, that is limited to the specific scope and content requested by
4 the task force; and

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee be composed of
6 the following members or their designees: The director of the
7 department of ecology; the director of the department of fish and
8 wildlife; the chair of the salmon recovery funding board; a
9 representative from the office of the governor; a representative from
10 a watershed planning group; a representative from a lead entity; a
11 representative from a regional salmon recovery group; a representative
12 from the federal fisheries service; and a representative from federally
13 recognized Indian tribes; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the advisory committee shall select a
15 chair from among its members for the purpose of conducting meetings and
16 transmitting information from the advisory committee as a group to the
17 joint select legislative task force; and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That in developing its recommendations, the
19 joint select legislative task force may consult with the advisory
20 committee; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That staff support for the joint select
22 legislative task force and the advisory committee be provided by senate
23 committee services and the house of representatives office of program
24 research; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the task force may invite staff from
26 the department of ecology, the office of the interagency committee for
27 outdoor recreation, and the department of fish and wildlife to provide
28 additional staff support for the joint select legislative task force
29 and the advisory committee; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the joint select legislative task
31 force be established by June 1, 2005, report its evaluations and
32 recommendations to the appropriate legislative committees by December
33 31, 2005, and expire January 1, 2006.

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