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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 4407

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By Representatives Anderson, Haigh, Eickmeyer and Talcott

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1            WHEREAS, The Seattle school district has more than forty-seven  
2 thousand students; and

3            WHEREAS, The Seattle school district has a much higher percentage  
4 of highly qualified teachers assigned to low-poverty schools than to  
5 high-poverty schools; and

6            WHEREAS, The Seattle school district has had a difficult time in  
7 recent years in making its budget balance;

8            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of  
9 the state of Washington, the Senate concurring, That the joint  
10 legislative audit and review committee study and recommend one or more  
11 models to separate the Seattle school district into two or at most  
12 three new school districts; and

13            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study consider issues that include  
14 but need not be limited to boundaries for the new districts,  
15 enrollment, communities of interest, academic performance, staffing  
16 issues, contractual obligations, and the tax base of any new districts;  
17 and

18            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the study consider measures that would  
19 ensure rough parity in the amount of state and local funding that would

1 likely be available to any new districts for similar types of students;  
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee complete a preliminary  
4 report by December 31, 2005, and a final report by June 30, 2006.

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