
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8403

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By Senators Jacobsen and Kohl-Welles

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1 WHEREAS, The legislature wishes to recognize the value of poetry
2 and the contribution Washington poets make to the culture of our state;
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4 WHEREAS, Poetry is a literary form respected and growing throughout
5 all segments of Washington's population; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington state has produced many excellent and
7 nationally recognized poets over the years;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
9 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor
10 appoint a Washington poet to serve as the poet laureate of the state of
11 Washington. The poet laureate shall engage in activities to promote
12 and encourage poetry within the state. The term of the poet laureate
13 shall be two years.

14 Recommendation of a poet laureate shall be made to the Governor by
15 March 1st of even-numbered years by a nominating committee chaired by
16 the Washington state librarian and including as members representatives
17 of education, arts, and humanities commissions, publishing, and the
18 Washington community of poets. The Governor shall announce the name of
19 the poet laureate on or about the first of April, National Poetry
20 Month, of even-numbered years; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the salary of the poet laureate
2 consist of one butt of Washington wine per year donated by
3 representatives of the Washington wine industry. For the purposes of
4 RCW 66.28.040, the poet laureate shall qualify as a board
5 representative.

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