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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8415**

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**By** Senator Pridemore

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

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

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

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

14 WHEREAS, The Northwest Region has a legacy of world class  
15 facilities including the Space Needle, the SunDome, Qwest Field, and  
16 Safeco Field, to name a few; and

17 WHEREAS, The rivalry and comradery that would be generated between  
18 the Seattle Mariners' fans and fans in the Portland/Vancouver  
19 metropolitan area would enhance the vitality of the region; and

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

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

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

13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the committee make recommendations to  
14 the legislature before the 2007 legislative session on the appropriate  
15 policies to support and assist the Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area  
16 in securing the relocation of a Major League Baseball Franchise to the  
17 Portland/Vancouver metropolitan area; and

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

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