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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4200

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1            BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
2 STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

3            THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the  
4 secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state  
5 for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to the  
6 Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new article to read  
7 as follows:

8            Article . . . , section 1. The state of Washington is a leader in  
9 promoting the development of renewable energy resources and new  
10 technology that improves the health of our environment. The state of  
11 Washington already has an abundance of renewable energy including low-  
12 cost renewable hydroelectric generation. Recognizing this energy  
13 generation source as renewable will stabilize energy prices for  
14 Washington residents and protect clean air and water. Notwithstanding  
15 any other provision in this article, any act, law, or bill passed by  
16 the legislature must recognize hydroelectric generation as a renewable  
17 energy resource.

18            BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause

1 notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four  
2 times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal  
3 newspaper in the state.

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