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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8400**

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**State of Washington 67th Legislature 2021 Regular Session**

**By** Senators Ericksen, Brown, Fortunato, Wagoner, and Wilson, L.

WHEREAS, Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution authorizes the legislature to convene a special legislative session upon the affirmative vote in each house of two-thirds of the members elected or appointed thereto; and

WHEREAS, Such special legislative session must be convened by resolution, which may be executed while the legislature is in session; and

WHEREAS, The resolution must specify a purpose or purposes for the convening of a special legislative session; and

WHEREAS, Any special legislative session convened by the resolution shall consider only measures germane to the purpose or purposes expressed in the resolution; and

WHEREAS, A two-thirds vote of the members elected or appointed in each house is required to express an additional purpose or purposes for the special session;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That:

(1) Pursuant to Article II, section 12 of the state Constitution, the legislature hereby convenes a special legislative session, beginning January 12, 2021, for a period of not more than 30 consecutive days; and

(2) The purposes for which the legislature convenes a special legislative session are limited to the following items:

(a) To take actions necessary to address hardships created by COVID-19; and

(b) To enact budgets.