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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8431**

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**By** Senators Fraser, Bluechel, Gaspard, Prince, Franklin, Moyer, M. Rasmussen, Sellar and Sheldon

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1            WHEREAS, Washington State and Hyogo Prefecture Japan have been  
2 sister states for over thirty years, making this the oldest sister  
3 state relationship in the country; and

4            WHEREAS, Relationships between Washington State and Hyogo  
5 Prefecture have been very cordial, resulting in significant  
6 international trade and tourism, many educational and cultural  
7 exchanges, including Hyogo Prefecture opening a Hyogo Cultural Center  
8 in Seattle, and productive government-to-government relationships; and

9            WHEREAS, The members of the Hyogo Prefecture Assembly have formed  
10 a Japan-America Friendship League, which has among its stated purposes  
11 friendship exchanges with their sister state, Washington; and

12            WHEREAS, Numerous members of the Hyogo Prefecture Assembly have  
13 visited our state capital over many years, including an especially  
14 large and distinguished delegation in 1993 to participate in a major  
15 celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of our sister state  
16 relationship;

17            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
18 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the  
19 Washington State Legislature hereby form a reciprocal friendship  
20 association to be named the Washington-Hyogo Legislative Friendship

1 Association, to which all members of the Legislature and the lieutenant  
2 governor shall belong.

3 The purpose of this association shall be to promote friendship and  
4 exchange with Hyogo Prefecture.

5 Other current and former state elected officials and former  
6 legislators may become ex officio members. The State International  
7 Protocol Officer shall be an ex officio member;

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That:

9 (1) A joint Washington-Hyogo Friendship Committee is hereby created  
10 to provide leadership for the association. The committee shall consist  
11 of eight members, two from each major caucus of the Senate and the  
12 House of Representatives to be appointed by the President of the Senate  
13 and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, respectively.

14 (2) The State's International Protocol Officer shall be an ex  
15 officio member of the joint committee.

16 (3) The members of the joint committee shall select from among  
17 their members a chair and such other officers as the committee deems  
18 appropriate.

19 (4) The joint committee may appoint as needed to carry out its  
20 duties the following:

21 (a) Committees of the association;

22 (b) Advisory groups of nonmembers.

23 (5) The Secretary of the Senate and the Chief Clerk of the House of  
24 Representatives shall assure that the minor administrative support  
25 needed is provided.

26 (6) Activities of the committee and the association may be  
27 supported by the Office of International Relations and protocol under  
28 RCW 43.290.020.

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