

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8401**

55th Legislature  
1997 Regular Session

Adopted by the Senate January 29, 1997

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**President of the Senate**

Adopted by the House January 24, 1997

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**Speaker of the  
House of Representatives**

Approved

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**Governor of the State of Washington**

CERTIFICATE

I, Mike O Connell, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8401** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

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**Secretary**

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**Secretary of State  
State of Washington**

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AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

**State of Washington                      55th Legislature                      1997 Regular Session**

**By Senators McDonald, Sellar and Johnson**

Read first time 1/13/97.

1            WHEREAS, The members of the legislature have recognized the  
2 importance of testing a system for the joint sponsorship of bills;

3            NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the State of  
4 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That during the  
5 1997 legislative session twenty senate bills, memorials, or resolutions  
6 (hereinafter collectively referred to as "bills") may also be sponsored  
7 by a member or members of the House of Representatives; and twenty  
8 house bills may also be sponsored by a member or members of the Senate;  
9 and

10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the jointly sponsored bills shall be  
11 allocated to the respective four caucuses as follows: Senate majority  
12 caucus, ten bills; Senate minority caucus, ten bills; House of  
13 Representatives majority caucus, eleven bills; and the House of  
14 Representatives minority caucus, nine bills. Each caucus may determine  
15 which of its members' bills are eligible to be jointly sponsored; and

16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the course of Senate bills and House  
17 bills that are jointly sponsored is governed by the Permanent Rules of  
18 the Senate or House of Representatives as the case may be, the Joint  
19 Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, and any concurrent  
20 resolution adopting cutoff dates; except (1) a jointly sponsored bill  
21 must be introduced by Tuesday, February 11, 1997, the thirtieth day of

1 the 1997 Regular Session, (2) members from the opposite house may not  
2 sign as sponsors of a jointly sponsored bill after the bill has been  
3 dropped into the hopper in the Office of the Code Reviser, and (3)  
4 before a jointly sponsored bill may be dropped into the hopper it must  
5 be available for one day in the Secretary of the Senate's office, in  
6 the case of a House bill, and the Chief Clerk's office, in the case of  
7 a Senate bill, for members to sign as cosponsors. The Secretary and  
8 Chief Clerk shall establish procedures for notifying members of the  
9 bill's availability for sponsorship; and

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a jointly sponsored bill must be  
11 distinguishable from other bills by carrying a signature sheet and bill  
12 back of colors different that those used for other bills; and before  
13 producing a jointly sponsored bill, the Office of the Code Reviser must  
14 have received a written request signed by the Secretary of the Senate,  
15 Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, and the leader of the  
16 caucus whose member is the first sponsor on the bill; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That prefiled bills may be redrafted and  
18 introduced as jointly sponsored bills under the procedures described in  
19 this resolution.

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