
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8401

State of Washington 60th Legislature 2007 Regular Session

By Senators Jacobsen, Murray, Kohl-Welles and Kline

Read first time 01/09/2007. Referred to Committee on Government Operations & Elections.

1 WHEREAS, The legislature wishes to recognize the value of poetry
2 and the contribution Washington poets make to the culture of our state;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Poetry is a literary form respected and growing throughout
5 all segments of Washington's population; and

6 WHEREAS, Washington state has produced many excellent and
7 nationally recognized poets over the years;

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of
9 Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Governor
10 appoint a Washington poet to serve as the poet laureate of the state of
11 Washington. The poet laureate shall engage in activities to promote
12 and encourage poetry within the state. The term of the poet laureate
13 shall be two years; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That recommendation of a poet laureate
15 shall be made to the Governor by March 1st of even-numbered years by a
16 nominating committee chaired by the Washington state librarian and
17 including as members representatives of education, arts, and humanities
18 commissions, publishing, and the Washington community of poets. The
19 Governor shall announce the name of the poet laureate on or about the
20 first of April, National Poetry Month, of even-numbered years; and

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the salary of the poet laureate
2 consist of one firkin of Washington beer per year donated by
3 representatives of the Washington Brewers Guild. For purposes of RCW
4 66.28.040, the poet laureate shall qualify as a board representative.

--- END ---