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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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 1           (a) To take actions necessary to address hardships created by
- 2 COVID-19; and
- 3           (b) To enact budgets.

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