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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 8405

State of Washington 67th Legislature 2022 Regular Session

By Senators Braun and Mullet

WHEREAS, On February 29, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a State of Emergency for all counties throughout the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States; and

WHEREAS, In this third year of the COVID-19 state of emergency, many scientific experts and elected officials agree it is now appropriate to manage the disease as an endemic, rather than a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States remarked in his recent State of the Union Address that COVID-19 need no longer control our lives, and most Americans can now move forward safely; and

WHEREAS, Members of the legislature trust that Washington hospitals and other health care facilities and those who work in and visit them are capable of taking measures to manage COVID-19 transmission; and

WHEREAS, Legislators trust Washington employers and employees to take appropriate measures to manage the spread of COVID-19 within workplaces and among workers and customers; and

20 WHEREAS, The legislature believes an objective consideration of 21 scientific data confirms the stated basis for declaring the state of 22 emergency has passed;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, By the Senate of the state of Washington, the House of Representatives concurring, That Proclamation 20-05 should be terminated, and the COVID-19 state of emergency should be ended.

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