

1 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 46**

2 (By Senator Yost)

3 [Originating in the Committee on Labor]

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6 Requesting the Joint Committee on Government and Finance to study
7 the procurement of services and goods by West Virginia
8 agencies and departments to determine ways in which the
9 procurement of such services and goods from the United States,
10 and West Virginia in particular, may be encouraged.

11 Whereas, Goods are increasingly manufactured outside of the
12 United States; and

13 Whereas, Services are increasingly performed outside of the
14 United States; and

15 Whereas, The oversight over goods manufactured and services
16 performed outside of West Virginia and outside the United States is
17 limited and restricts the ability of West Virginia to protect its
18 citizens; and

19 Whereas, The procurement of goods manufactured in the United
20 States, and West Virginia in particular, and of services performed
21 in the United States, and West Virginia in particular, would
22 benefit West Virginia by allowing increased oversight over such
23 goods and services and by providing employment opportunities to

1 West Virginians; and

2 Whereas, West Virginia should promote the purchase of and give
3 preference to goods manufactured in the United States and in West
4 Virginia in particular; and

5 Whereas, West Virginia should promote the purchase of and give
6 preference to services performed in the United States and in West
7 Virginia in particular; and

8 Whereas, Such promotion and preference should be in the best
9 interest of West Virginia, including as to the availability,
10 quality and cost of such goods and services; therefore, be it

11 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

12 That the Joint Committee on Government and Finance is
13 requested to study the procurement of services and goods by West
14 Virginia agencies and departments to determine ways in which the
15 procurement of such services and goods from the United States, and
16 West Virginia in particular, may be encouraged; and, be it

17 *Further Resolved,* That the Joint Committee on Government and
18 Finance is hereby requested to study the extent to which current
19 West Virginia contracts, and any subcontracts thereunder, are being
20 completed with goods manufactured outside of West Virginia and
21 outside of the United States or are being performed outside of West
22 Virginia and outside of the United States; the extent to which the
23 procurement of such foreign goods or services causes the loss of
24 employment opportunities in West Virginia; the extent to which the

1 export of West Virginia goods and services benefits West Virginia;
2 the extent to which the procurement of services performed outside
3 of the United States may involve the risk of unauthorized use or
4 disclosure of personal information or proprietary information; the
5 applicability of international trade agreements, treaties and
6 federal law to West Virginia procurement policies; and the ways in
7 which the procurement of services performed in and goods
8 manufactured in the United States, and in West Virginia in
9 particular, may be encouraged; and, be it

10 *Further Resolved*, That the Joint Committee on Government and
11 Finance report to the regular session of the Legislature in 2012 on
12 its findings, conclusions and recommendations, together with drafts
13 of any legislation necessary to effectuate its recommendations;
14 and, be it

15 *Further Resolved*, That the expenses necessary to conduct this
16 study, to prepare a report and to draft necessary legislation be
17 paid from legislative appropriations to the Joint Committee on
18 Government and Finance.