

Rules for the Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions by the WSDCC

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- I. Resolution submitted for consideration and adoption by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) must be submitted in compliance with the following rules.
- II. Resolutions must be submitted by one of two types of organizations:
 - A. Democratic Party Organizations in the state of Washington
 - B. One of the standing or ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the WSDCC, the WSDCC Executive Board, or the Washington State Democratic Convention.
- III. Requirements for the submission of resolutions by Democratic Organizations in the state of Washington
 - A. The resolution must be e-mailed to the State Party no later than ten (10) days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be considered. Each resolution received shall be made expeditiously available to the Resolutions Committee by the State Party Staff.
 - B. A printed version of the resolution must be received by the State Party no later than two (2) days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.
 1. The printed version must be signed by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Democratic Party Organization submitting the resolution.
 - C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 1. The Resolutions Committee can amend the resolution or combine the resolution with other resolutions addressing a similar issue and shall clearly set forth the committee's action.
 2. The Resolution Committee's action will be submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at the general meeting of the WSDCC.

- 43 IV. Requirements for submission of resolutions by one of the standing or ad-hoc committees of
44 the WSDCC or the WSDCC Executive Board or by the WSDCC membership.
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- 46 A. Circumstances may dictate that a resolution be drafted by one of the standing or ad-hoc
47 committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the WSDCC or the WSDCC Executive Board
48 immediately prior to or during a WSDCC meeting. A resolution may also be presented
49 by any WSDCC member provided it is signed by fifty (50) WSDCC members.
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- 51 B. The Chair of the committee, caucus or board is responsible for making sure that
52 resolutions of this type are submitted to a member of the State Party staff immediately
53 following the committee, caucus or board meeting.
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- 55 1. A printed version of the resolution must be signed by the Chair or Vice Chair of
56 the committee, caucus, board or WSDCC maker before it is distributed to the
57 WSDCC.
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- 59 C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by the
60 WSDCC.
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- 62 V. All resolutions must be drafted in the same manner as the resolution attached to the end of
63 these rules and titled "**Sample Resolution - Bankruptcy 'Reform' Bill.**" Important
64 elements of this formatting include the following:
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- 66 A. The title of the resolution must be clearly and concisely stated at the beginning of the
67 resolution.
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- 69 B. The resolution must contain at least one "**WHEREAS**" stating the situation to be
70 address by the resolution.
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- 72 C. The resolution must contain at least one "**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**"
73 stating the action or actions to be taken if the resolution is adopted.
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- 75 D. The resolution must contain the name of the organization submitting the resolution and
76 the date it was submitted at the bottom of the resolution.
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- 78 VI. Resolutions submitted for consideration and action at the general meeting of the WSDCC.
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- 80 A. All resolutions shall be distributed to WSDCC Members and their proxies prior to the
81 general meeting of the WSDCC.
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- 83 1. The resolutions will reflect any changes adopted by the Resolutions Committee.
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- 85 2. The resolutions will include the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.
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- 87 3. In all other matters not covered expressly by these rules the Charter and Bylaws
88 of the WSDCC and Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall prevail.
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- 90 4. Following adoption of a resolution by the WSDCC appropriate action will be
91 taken by the Chair of the WSDCC including, but not limited to the transmission
92 of resolution to effected officials.
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Sample Resolution - Bankruptcy "Reform" Bill

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97 **WHEREAS** the Bankruptcy "reform" bill (S. 256) recently passed by the United States Senate
98 would reduce drastically the options for financially distressed Americans to seek Chapter 7
99 bankruptcy relief;

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101 **WHEREAS** recent academic studies have indicated that a leading cause of bankruptcy is
102 medical necessity;

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104 **WHEREAS** each and every attempt to reduce the effects of this legislation on elderly
105 homeowners, active military personnel, victims of crime, and medically distressed families was
106 defeated in the Senate by the Republican majority and a few Democrats;

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108 **WHEREAS** the special interest lending community (banks, credit card companies, "payday"
109 lenders) have not demonstrated any serious losses from existing bankruptcy legislation, but
110 continue to extend credit to known bad risks, demanding that the taxpayers insulate them from
111 risk;

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113 **WHEREAS** the Republican leadership has demanded that the Senate version of this "reform" be
114 passed through the House of Representatives without amendment, and without a Conference
115 Committee;

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117 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central
118 Committee, call on each and every one of our state's United States Representatives to oppose
119 this legislation, and work actively for its defeat.
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121 Submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at its November 12, 2005 meeting in Ocean Shores
122 by the 50th District Democrats.

123 Benjamin Fitch - 50th LD Chair
124 Date Submitted - 11/11/05
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128 These rules were passed by the WSDCC at its January 28, 2006 meeting in South Seattle - Kent,
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