

1 **Resolution on Applying I-1053 to Eliminating Certain**
2 **Washington State Corporate Tax Reductions**
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4 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Washington states: Article 2, Legislative
5 Department, Section 9 Rules of Procedure, "Each house may determine the rules of its
6 own proceedings";
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8 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Washington states: Article 2, Legislative
9 Department, Section 22 Passage of Bills "No bill shall become a law unless on its final
10 passage the vote be taken by yeas and nays, the names of the members voting for and
11 against the same be entered on the journal of each house, and a majority of the members
12 elected to each house be recorded thereon as voting in its favor." [emphasis added];
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14 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Washington states: Article 7, Revenue and
15 Taxation, Section 1 Taxation: "The power of taxation shall never be suspended,
16 surrendered or contracted away";
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18 **WHEREAS** the Constitution of the State of Washington cannot be amended by
19 initiative, Article 23, Amendments;
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21 **WHEREAS** I-1053 contravenes Articles 2, 7 and 23 of the Constitution cited above;
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23 **WHEREAS** I-1053 impairs the authority and functioning of the Washington State
24 Legislature to fulfill its Constitutional responsibilities;
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26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that, because I-1053 violates on its face Articles 2, 7
27 and 23 of the Washington State Constitution, and because adhering to the provisions of
28 I-1053 impedes the ability of the Washington State Legislature to function as the
29 Constitution specifies, there is no valid legal reason for the Washington State
30 Legislature to abide by the provisions of I-1053 until the constitutionality of I-1053 is
31 determined by the Washington State Supreme Court;
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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Washington State
34 Legislature be urged to treat I-1053 as not applying to the restoration of normal tax rates
35 to those entities that have been granted special tax reductions in the past;
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37 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the Washington State
38 Legislature be urged to review and remove all special corporate tax reductions that are
39 no longer justified or appropriate in the current economic circumstances; and
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41 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, upon its adoption by the WSDCC this
42 Resolution be sent by the WSDCC to every member of the Democratic caucuses of the
43 Washington State Legislature, as well as to the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor.
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46 Submitted by the 32nd Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
47 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in
48 Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 4/14/2011)
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50 Submitted by the 31st Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State
51 Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in
52 Wenatchee. (Date Submitted 4/21/2011)
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54 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
55 RECOMMENDED A PASS” at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.
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57 The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.