

## Resolution Prohibiting Unfunded Mandates

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3 **WHEREAS**, the federal and state government have the authority to legislate, and do  
4 legislate, costly and complex changes in K-12 education; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, such legislation frequently does not include funding for the changes  
7 required; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, in order to comply with such legislation, local school districts are required  
10 to place the financial responsibility of such legislation onto the local taxpayers;

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12 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that any new state and/or federal legislation  
13 affecting K-12 education must provide for funding for any of its mandates before being  
14 imposed on local school districts.

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17 Submitted by the Island County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Party  
18 for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date Submitted 05/26/2006).

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20 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in  
21 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its  
22 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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24 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee recommended a "Pass" on this resolution at its  
25 September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be forwarded to the  
26 WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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28 The WSDCC passed this resolution at its September 30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma.