

Support for the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and the Bioenergy Loan Program

WHEREAS, dependence on imported petroleum seriously compromises National Security and the environment, and combustion of petroleum is a major source of pollutants that contain critical components increasing global warming; and

WHEREAS, known world petroleum reserves are being depleted; and

WHEREAS, the need for environmentally safe products to ensure human health and continued production of food is increasing; and

WHEREAS, the economy of Washington State needs jobs and new industry, including our agriculture, technology, higher education, trade and manufacturing sectors; and

WHEREAS, petroleum-based fuel additives and pesticides are being removed from the market leaving limited viable alternatives available; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and the Bioenergy Loan Program will enhance our energy security by reducing the importation of foreign petrochemicals, and will increase the development of multiple value-added and secondary products made in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and Bioenergy Loan Program will provide incentives for developing a bioenergy industry in Washington State which will provide rural and urban jobs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) supports the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and the Bioenergy Loan Program.

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The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a "Pass" at its January 28, 2006 meeting in South Seattle - Kent.

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