

Creation of a Task Force to Review the Caucus and Primary Process

WHEREAS more than 240,000 Democrats attended their precinct caucuses and this turnout was unprecedented and unanticipated;

WHEREAS many potential participants could not attend due to work or other conflicts and were not eligible under the rules to vote by proxy;

WHEREAS the Democratic National Committee will not allow us to select delegates using both the precinct caucus and the state presidential primary;

WHEREAS more people submitted resolutions and suggestions about abolishing the precinct caucuses than on any other topic;

WHEREAS we value openness and we want to make our party accessible; and

WHEREAS any process can be improved, and it behooves us to be responsive to requests to improve this process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Party recommends that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee respond to this outpouring of concerns by creating a Caucus and Primary Task Force to review the lessons learned from the 2008 presidential selection process and to propose improvements; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this task force hold hearings in several parts of the state and report its findings and proposals for improving the delegate selection process to the WSDCC within one year.

Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/21/2008)

The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting in Spokane.