

Support for Initiative 1351

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3 **WHEREAS** every student, regardless of who they are or where they live, deserves the
4 opportunity for an excellent education;

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6 **WHEREAS** class size reduction is one of only four, evidence-based reforms proven to
7 increase student achievement;

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9 **WHEREAS** Washington State currently ranks 47th in class size in the United States;

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11 **WHEREAS** the 2012 Washington State Democratic Platform calls for funding for
12 smaller class sizes;

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14 **WHEREAS** Initiative 1351 would reduce class sizes in every grade for every student in
15 Washington; and

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17 **WHEREAS** Initiative 1351 would also provide for additional school counselors,
18 librarians, nurses, teaching assistants and other student support staff;

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats support
21 signature-gathering efforts for Initiative 1351; and

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats
24 endorse Initiative 1351 and support its passage on the November ballot.

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27 Submitted by the Platform Committee to the 2014 Washington State Democratic
28 Convention. (Date Submitted 5/31/2014)

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30 The Subcommittee on Internal Party Business recommended that this resolution be
31 passed as amended at their May 31st meeting.

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33 The Platform Committee affirmed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Internal
34 Party Business at their May 31st meeting.

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36 The 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 21,
37 2014.