

1 **Repair, Update, and Maintain Washington State Route 26**

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3 **WHEREAS** the conditions on Washington State Route 26 annually result in a significant
4 number of injuries and fatalities;

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6 **WHEREAS** Washington State Route 26 lacks adequate reflective markers, updated
7 center lines, rumble strips on the shoulders of lanes, passing lanes, slow traffic pullouts,
8 traffic update signage, and well-lit and maintained rest stops;

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10 **WHEREAS** the seasonal increases in traffic on Washington State Route 26 owe mostly
11 to residents of every county in Washington state going to or departing from
12 Washington State University (Pullman); and

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14 **WHEREAS** the inadequately maintained infrastructure of Washington State Route 26
15 fails to efficiently and safely accommodate traffic during departures from and returns to
16 Washington State University (Pullman) by the students, faculty, alumni, and related
17 patrons during school breaks and weekends dedicated to graduation, sporting events,
18 and parent-dedicated activities;

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Legislature recognize, as a
21 collective state-wide issue, the vital need to improve the safety conditions of
22 Washington State Route 26 by means of financial allocation to address the repair,
23 updating, and maintenance of this highway; and

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25 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
26 Central Committee urges the Governor and the Legislature to support immediate action
27 regarding modernizing Washington State Route 26 to safely accommodate traffic.
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30 Submitted by the Whitman County Democrats on 4/6/2017.

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32 The Resolutions Committee reviewed and amended this resolution and recommended
33 that it be passed.

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35 The Washington State Democratic Central Committee approved this resolution on
36 4/22/2017.