

Rural Information Infrastructure

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3 **WHEREAS** the population in rural communities can no longer depend only upon
4 agriculture and timber industries as the sole source of employment, and new sources of
5 employment are needed to expand to other ways of sustaining rural life; and

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7 **WHEREAS** to maximize existing opportunities and to create new opportunities, rural
8 development will only increase depending on the available information infrastructure;

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10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge our state
11 and federal elected officials to work to ensure expanded access to information
12 infrastructure services, such as broadband internet, in the rural areas of Washington
13 State and the nation.
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17 Central Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted
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20 Recommended 'PASS WITH AMENDMENTS' by the Subcommittee on Agriculture,
21 Economic Justice and Development, Energy and the Environment, and Transportation
22 at its May 12th meeting in Ellensburg.

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24 Recommended 'PASS' by the Platform Committee at its June 1st meeting in Seattle.

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26 'PASSED' by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2nd meeting in
27 Seattle.