

1                   **Resolution in Support of Aerospace Tax Incentives**  
2                                   **Accountability Measures**

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4   **WHEREAS** during the November 2013 special session the Washington State Legislature  
5 passed ESSB 5952, AN ACT Relating to incentivizing a long-term commitment to  
6 maintain and grow jobs in the aerospace industry in Washington state;

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8   **WHEREAS** ESSB 5952, contingent upon the decision by the Boeing Company to build  
9 the 777X wing and final assembly in Washington state, provides an \$8.7 billion tax  
10 incentive by extending until 2040 the current preferential aerospace tax rates due to  
11 expire in 2023;

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13   **WHEREAS** ESSB 5952 declares, “the legislature further finds that the industry  
14 continues to provide good wages and benefits for the thousands of engineers,  
15 mechanics, and support staff working directly in the industry throughout the state”;

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17   **WHEREAS** many of 1350 aerospace and aerospace related firms involved in  
18 manufacturing pay wages as low as \$10-\$13 per hour; and

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20   **WHEREAS** since the November 8th, 2013 passage of ESSB 5952 and said bill was signed  
21 into law, The Boeing Company announced 2000 engineering jobs would be transferred  
22 outside Washington state;

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24   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Party supports  
25 enactment of a bill referred to as the Aerospace Tax Incentive Accountability Act  
26 ensuring the tax breaks given to the aerospace industry provide the return on  
27 investment to the citizens of Washington with the stated legislative outcome of  
28 preserving jobs; and additionally;

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30   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Party  
31 supports proposed legislation to include engineering, machinists and support personnel  
32 employment and benefit levels related to aircraft deliveries using the employment and  
33 benefit levels of November 2013 as a benchmark for accountability purposes; and

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35   **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** the Washington State Democratic Party  
36 make passage of the Aerospace Tax Incentives Accountability Act a priority for passage  
37 during the 2015 legislative session.

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41 Submitted by the Labor Caucus to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 9/13/2014)

- 42 Recommended Pass by the Resolutions Committee at their September 13, 2014 Meeting
- 43 in Ferndale.
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- 45 Passed by the WSDCC at their September 13, 2014 Meeting in Ferndale.