

1 **A Resolution Endorsing Senator Jeff Merkley's**
2 **Keep It In The Ground Act**

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4 **WHEREAS** the climate crisis poses a clear and present danger to life as we know it;

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6 **WHEREAS** the platform of the Washington State Democratic Party calls for a reduction
7 in greenhouse gas emissions;

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9 **WHEREAS** it is estimated that in order to prevent the most catastrophic effects of
10 anthropogenic climate change, at least 80% of known fossil fuel reserves must remain in
11 the ground and unburned;

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13 **WHEREAS** Sen. Jeff Merkley has introduced S. 2238, the Keep It in the Ground Act,
14 which would prevent any new fossil fuel mining permits on federal land and revoke
15 existing permits that are not being used; and

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17 **WHEREAS** this Act is a significant step towards solving the climate crisis;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
20 Committee endorses S. 2238, calls on our Senators to cosponsor the bill, and calls on our
21 Representatives to introduce a companion bill in the House;

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution shall be
24 transmitted to the offices of the Washington Congressional delegation.
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27 Submitted by the 25th LD Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 1/14/2015)

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29 Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted 1/15/2015)

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31 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended that it be
32 "PASSED" at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.

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34 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.