

1 **Resolution Supporting SB 5308: Limiting Disclosure of**
2 **Information About the Religious Affiliation of Individuals**

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4 **WHEREAS** the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America
5 says, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or
6 prohibiting the free exercise thereof”;

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8 **WHEREAS** Reuters reported on 15 November 2016 that Kansas State Secretary of State
9 and Trump's close advisor Kris Kobach has been advising the establishment of a
10 Muslim Registry in order to implement an extreme vetting policy;

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12 **WHEREAS** Washington state celebrates the rich cultural heritage and diversity of its
13 residents, and freedom of religion and protection from persecution on the basis of
14 religion is one of the founding ideals of the nation;

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16 **WHEREAS** Washington must uphold the protection of religious freedom enshrined in
17 the United States Constitution for all of its people, and the state has a moral obligation
18 to protect its citizens from religious persecution; and

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20 **WHEREAS** Senate Bill 5308 Limiting disclosure of information about the religious
21 affiliation of individuals would prohibit an agency from providing or disclosing to
22 federal authorities personal information regarding the religious affiliation of an
23 individual that is requested for the purpose of compiling a database of individuals
24 based solely on religious affiliation;

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central
27 Committee, endorse and support the passage of SB 5308 - Limiting disclosure of
28 information about the religious affiliation of individuals;

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we forward this resolution to all of
31 the members of the Washington State House, Senate and Governor Inslee.

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34 Submitted by the Women’s Caucus on 1/28/2017.

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36 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution on 1/28/2017, and recommended
37 that it be passed.

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39 The Washington State Democrats passed this resolution on 1/28/2017.