

Rules for the Consideration and Adoption of Resolutions by the WSDCC

As approved by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee on
September 26, 2009

- I. Resolution submitted for consideration and adoption by the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) must be submitted in compliance with the following rules.
- II. Resolutions must be submitted by one of two types of organizations:
 - A. Democratic Party Organizations in the state of Washington
 - B. One of the standing or ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the WSDCC, the WSDCC Executive Board, or the Washington State Democratic Convention.
- III. Requirements for the submission of resolutions by Democratic Organizations in the state of Washington
 - A. The resolution must be e-mailed to the State Party no later than ten (10) days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be considered. Resolutions should be emailed in a format that can be easily edited, preferably Microsoft Word. Each resolution received shall be made expeditiously available to the Resolutions Committee by the State Party Staff.
 - B. A printed version of the resolution must be received by the State Party no later than two (2) days prior to the WSDCC meeting at which the resolution is to be considered.
 1. The printed version must be signed by the Chair or Vice Chair of the Democratic Party Organization submitting the resolution.
 - C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action by the WSDCC Resolutions Committee.
 1. The organization that submits a resolution is encouraged to have a representative attend the Resolutions Committee meeting to be available for clarification of the resolution

- 43 2. The Resolutions Committee can amend the resolution or combine the
44 resolution with other resolutions addressing a similar issue and shall
45 clearly set forth the committee's action.
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- 47 3. The Resolution Committee's action will be submitted to the WSDCC for
48 consideration at the general meeting of the WSDCC.
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- 50 IV. Requirements for submission of resolutions by one of the standing or ad-hoc
51 committees of the WSDCC or the WSDCC Executive Board or by the WSDCC
52 membership.
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- 54 A. Circumstances may dictate that a resolution be drafted by one of the standing
55 or ad-hoc committees of the WSDCC, a caucus of the WSDCC or the WSDCC
56 Executive Board immediately prior to or during a WSDCC meeting. A
57 resolution may also be presented by any WSDCC member provided it is
58 signed by fifty (50) WSDCC members.
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- 60 B. The Chair of the committee, caucus or board is responsible for making sure
61 that resolutions of this type are submitted to a member of the State Party staff
62 immediately following the committee, caucus or board meeting.
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- 64 1. A printed version of the resolution must be signed by the Chair or Vice
65 Chair of the committee, caucus, board or WSDCC maker before it is
66 distributed to the WSDCC.
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- 68 C. Resolutions submitted in this manner will be compiled for review and action
69 by the WSDCC.
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- 71 V. All resolutions must be drafted in the same manner as the resolution attached to the
72 end of these rules and titled "**Sample Resolution - Bankruptcy 'Reform' Bill.**"
73 Important elements of this formatting include the following:
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- 75 A. The title of the resolution must be clearly and concisely stated at the beginning
76 of the resolution.
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- 78 B. The resolution must contain at least one "**WHEREAS**" stating the situation to
79 be addressed by the resolution.
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- 81 C. The resolution must contain at least one "**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**
82 **THAT**" stating the action or actions to be taken if the resolution is adopted.
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- 84 D. Clauses should be worded as if written from the point of view of the WSDCC
85 and not the organization originally submitting the resolution.

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- 87 E. The resolution must contain the name of the organization submitting the
- 88 resolution and the date it was submitted at the bottom of the resolution.
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- 90 **VI.** Responsibilities of the Resolutions Committee
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- 92 **A.** The Resolutions Committee will review each proposed resolution for the
- 93 following elements:
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- 95 **1.** Timely submission, as specified in III.A and III.B
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- 97 **2.** Proper submission, as specified in II.
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- 99 **3.** Proper elements, as specified in V.
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- 101 **B.** The Resolutions Committee will further review each proposed resolution for a
- 102 reasonable, attainable, and limited scope of action in the “Resolved” clauses.
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- 104 **1.** Any action resolved must be within the power of the Chairman and
- 105 staff, or the State Central Committee.
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- 107 **2.** Any action resolved must be appropriately limited in scope, difficulty
- 108 and cost appropriate to the resolution.
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- 110 **C.** The Resolutions Committee will amend or reject any resolution that has not
- 111 met all above criteria.
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- 113 **VII.** Resolutions submitted for consideration and action at the general meeting of the
- 114 WSDCC.
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- 116 **A.** All resolutions shall be distributed to WSDCC Members and their proxies
- 117 prior to the general meeting of the WSDCC.
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- 119 **1.** The resolutions will reflect any changes adopted by the Resolutions
- 120 Committee.
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- 122 **2.** The resolutions will include the recommendation of the Resolutions
- 123 Committee.
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- 125 **3.** In all other matters not covered expressly by these rules the Charter
- 126 and Bylaws of the WSDCC and Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised,
- 127 shall prevail.
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129 **4.** Following adoption of a resolution by the WSDCC appropriate action
130 will be taken by the Chair of the WSDCC including, but not limited to
131 the transmission of resolution to effected officials.
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134 Passed as amended by the WSDCC Resolutions Committee at its September 26, 2009
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Sample Resolution - Bankruptcy "Reform" Bill

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WHEREAS the Bankruptcy "reform" bill (S. 256) recently passed by the United States Senate would reduce drastically the options for financially distressed Americans to seek Chapter 7 bankruptcy relief;

WHEREAS recent academic studies have indicated that a leading cause of bankruptcy is medical necessity;

WHEREAS each and every attempt to reduce the effects of this legislation on elderly homeowners, active military personnel, victims of crime, and medically distressed families was defeated in the Senate by the Republican majority and a few Democrats;

WHEREAS the special interest lending community (banks, credit card companies, "payday" lenders) have not demonstrated any serious losses from existing bankruptcy legislation, but continue to extend credit to known bad risks, demanding that the taxpayers insulate them from risk;

WHEREAS the Republican leadership has demanded that the Senate version of this "reform" be passed through the House of Representatives without amendment, and without a Conference Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, call on each and every one of our state's United States Representatives to oppose this legislation, and work actively for its defeat.

Submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at its November 12, 2005 meeting in Ocean Shores by the 50th District Democrats.

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