

WSDCC Resolution (number to be assigned)

Resolution Supporting SB 5308 Limiting disclosure of information about the religious affiliation of individuals

WHEREAS The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America says, "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof", and

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

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

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

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that We, The Washington State Democratic Central Committee, endorse and support the passage of SB 5308 - 2017-18 Limiting disclosure of information about the religious affiliation of individuals, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that We forward this resolution to all of the members of the Washington State House and Senate, the Washington State Executive, and our Federal Congressional and Senatorial Delegation, and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that We find that this resolution pertains to an upcoming legislative issue that is time sensitive.

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The _____ Caucus requests that this resolution be considered by the WSDCC at the January 28th, 2017 reorganization meeting.

Signature of Caucus Chair: _____