

A Resolution Supporting the Funding of Initiative 1163

Whereas the voters of Washington State overwhelmingly passed I-1163 for the second time in three years, stating loud and clear that better training for home care workers is a priority;

Whereas I-1163 passed overwhelmingly in all of Washington’s 39 counties, and with more than 65 percent of the vote overall;

Whereas in 2008, I-1029 passed with more than 72 percent of the vote, as more than three million Washingtonians supported these common sense protections for seniors and people with disabilities;

Whereas public safety officials have regularly cited a lack of training as a cause of abuse and neglect in adult family and boarding homes, citations of which increased 15 percent from 2008-2010, after voters first called for these reforms;

Whereas it is time the state legislature creates a balanced approach toward solving the budget crisis facing Washington – no longer focusing solely on cuts, but creating a comprehensive revenue package. We can no longer attempt to balance our budget on the backs of our most vulnerable, our seniors and people with disabilities;

Now, therefore, the 34th District Democrats call for the Washington State legislature to provide funding for I-1163 with a balanced budget that includes an appropriate revenue package.

Signed on this _____ day of _____, 2012.