

34<sup>th</sup> District Democrats  
King County Washington

**Resolution: Washington Health Security Trust**  
Passed at the March 14, 2007, District Meeting

WHEREAS 600,000 residents of Washington State lack health insurance coverage; and

WHEREAS employers currently have no incentive to not join in the "race to the bottom" by shifting their health care costs to employees and, in some cases, to the taxpayers via the Basic Healthcare Plan; and

WHEREAS our current system of employer-provided health care coverage ties employees to their existing jobs for the sake of the coverage and exposes them to the risk of losing coverage when changing plans due to "pre-existing conditions"; and

WHEREAS the current system of competing health insurance policies imposes high costs upon health care providers as they sort among the many requirements and forms to obtain reimbursement for providing services; and

WHEREAS a unified financing system at the state level can eliminate the fragmentation of the current system and can avoid excessive costs and confusion from adding still more programs to our current overburdened, inefficient health care financing mechanisms; and

WHEREAS the Washington Health Security Trust Proposal, as embodied in SB 5756 and HB 1886 demonstrates that a tightly drafted state law can cover the complex issue of universal health care coverage. State action, negotiation, and waivers can resolve complicating relationships with federal laws and regulations, such as ERISA and Taft-Hartley trusts without federal legislation; however, enabling federal legislation such as the Health Partnership Act (S2772) would be helpful. Existing health care dollars can be managed within a dedicated health security trust fund to cover medically necessary, high quality health care for all residents without additional revenues; and

WHEREAS the Washington health Security Trust provides affordable, comprehensive coverage of high quality health care for all residents of the state, using a unified and cohesive financing system which would use fewer health care dollars than we spend now;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 34th District Democrats endorse the Washington State Health Security Trust bills (SB 5756 and HB 1886) now before the legislature, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that 34th District Democrats pledge to advocate and promote passage of SB 5756 and HB 1886 in the 2007 Washington State Legislature and to support and encourage our own District legislators to enact said legislation.