

**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF
WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON**
WashCoDems 2016-018

**Regarding Support for Ballot Measure 97 (Raising the Corporate Minimum
Tax)**

WHEREAS Oregon is in desperate need of additional revenues to adequately support education and social services; and

WHEREAS currently ranks last among all 50 states at under 6% in corporate tax burdens, in large part because 71% of large corporations pay the Corporate Minimum Tax, often as low \$150; and

WHEREAS currently has the 4th lowest graduation rate from high school, the third largest class sizes, and one of the shortest school years of all 50 states; and

WHEREAS corporations in Oregon with gross sales in excess of \$25 million currently pay taxes at a rate of 0.04% on sales (\$0.04 per \$100); and

WHEREAS Ballot Measure will raise an estimated \$2+ billion per year, of which approximately 40% will be allocated to educational funding; and

WHEREAS Oregon is currently approximately \$2 billion beneath the recommended funding level according to the Quality Education Model (QEM); and

WHEREAS BM 97 will impact only approximately 1000 of the 400,000 active businesses in Oregon and will not apply to sole proprietorships, partnerships, LLCs, S-Corp's, Co-op's, non-profits, or C-corps with less than \$25 million in annual gross sales in Oregon; and

WHEREAS BM 97 currently has the support of over 480 advocates including the Oregon Center for Public Policy, CAUSA, The Main Street Alliance, Tax Fairness Oregon, Oregon Education Association, and the Oregon PTA:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY THAT:

- 1) The Democratic Party of Washington County publicly supports BM-97.
- 2) We ask our legislators and legislative candidates to support BM-97 in the November election.
- 3) If BM-97 passes, the Democratic Party of Washington County will continue to encourage our legislators to further pursue comprehensive tax reform

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