

**DRAFT – 1st reading**  
**A RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON**  
WashCoDems 2016-020

**Regarding Support for Ballot Measure (Funding for Dropout Prevention and College Readiness)**

WHEREAS BM-98 would allocate approximately \$147 million per year (\$800 per high school student) from Lottery funds for the support of regionally appropriate vocational training statewide, improve access to college level courses, and provide additional student support to reduce the drop-out rates from Oregon high schools; and

WHEREAS BM-98 would enhance existing programs that currently reach only about 50% of the schools districts; and

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

WHEREAS the legislature is currently not required to commit funds to career-technical, college level prep, or drop-out prevention programs; and

WHEREAS BM-98 requires that these programs would be monitored for compliance and performance by the Oregon Department of Education and audited biannually by the Secretary of State:

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

- 1) The Democratic Party of Washington County publicly supports BM 98 regarding Vocational and College Level Programs and to reduce the drop-out rate.
- 2) We ask our legislators and legislative candidates to support BM-98 in the November election.

Draft Submitted: August 2016, Platform & Resolutions Chair;