

A Resolution of the Washington Democratic Central Committee

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Supporting the right of cannabis workers to unionize and to support the right of transit workers to strike.

- A. WHEREAS, Washington County Democratic Party Platform states, “We affirm the right of all workers, public and private, to organize, free of intimidation and coercion, for collective bargaining for fair work rules, fair hiring practices, living wages, just cause protection of employment, and safe working conditions.”
- B. WHEREAS, collective bargaining requires the ability to unionize and strike.
- C. WHEREAS, currently in Oregon, not all workers have the right to unionize and strike.
- D. WHEREAS, many workers who currently cannot collectively bargain are essential workers or who were exempt from collective bargaining due to discriminatory policymaking in the 1935 NLRB Act which exempted agricultural workers that are majority Latino/a.

THEREFORE, the Washington County Democratic Central Committee (WCDCC) resolves as follows:

- 1) WCDCC calls on the Oregon State House and State Senate to vote in favor of HB 3183 Cannabis Workers Rights to ensure cannabis workers have the ability to unionize and collectively bargain.
- 2) WCDCC calls on the Oregon State House and State Senate to vote in favor of SB 187 allowing transit workers to fully assert their right to collectively bargain by enabling them to strike.
- 3) WCDCC calls upon the Democratic Party of Oregon to pass a similar resolution and to show their support for HB 3183 and SB 187.
- 4) WCDCC will support United Food and Commercial Workers Local 555’s lobbying efforts for HB 3183.
- 5) WCDCC will support The Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757’s lobbying efforts for SB 187.