

ABOLISH AND PROSECUTE ICE

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Whereas the Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was created in 2003 as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has an FY2018 budget of over \$8.67 billion, employs over 20,000 persons, and is looking to hire over 6,000 more support personnel; and

Whereas the duties performed by ICE were previously handled by other agencies, including the FBI and Customs and Border Patrol (CBP); and

Whereas ICE employs private, for-profit prisons and is the only law enforcement agency in the United States with a minimum detention quota, which rewards excessive detentions for questionable charges; and

Whereas ICE is largely unaccountable and self-regulating, and the DHS Office of Inspector General revealed that 1,224 sexual abuse complaints by immigrants in ICE custody were filed between Jan. 2010 and June 2017, but only 3% of those complaints were investigated; and

Whereas, ICE has separated and detained more than 2,000 children of asylum seekers, who have not committed any crime, from their parents, holding them in stark detention centers and including infants who are reportedly left alone in cages; and

Whereas hundreds of detainees have died in ICE custody, many due to mistreatment and substandard care and abuse, much of which was covered up by ICE officials; and

Therefore be it resolved that the Washington State Democrats support defunding and abolishing ICE and redistributing its duties, except those that violate human rights and international law, to other accountable agencies; and

Furthermore be it resolved that the human rights abuses allegedly conducted by ICE be immediately ended, whether by ICE or its successor agencies; and

Furthermore be it resolved that the Washington State Democrats call for the prosecution, according to relevant federal and international laws and treaties, of those who ordered and carried out the separation and imprisonment of refugee families and children; and

Furthermore be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all members of Congress and Senate from Washington State.

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