

1 **Remove Olympia's Fifth Avenue Dam and Free the Deschutes**  
2 **River**

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4 **WHEREAS** every year over 35,000 cubic yards of sediment fill Capitol Lake creating  
5 high water temperatures, algae blooms, and stagnant water caused by the Fifth Avenue  
6 Dam, violating the Clean Water Act, providing habitat for invasive species and harming  
7 salmon;

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9 **WHEREAS** the Fifth Avenue Deschutes Dam is obsolete, serves no practical purpose as  
10 a dam, and provides a narrow inadequate transportation corridor risking pedestrians  
11 and bicyclists safety;

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13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Department of Enterprise  
14 Services, the Governor, the Washington State Department of Ecology, and the  
15 Washington State Department of Natural Resources take immediate steps to remove the  
16 dam and replace it with a bridge, consistent with the multi-modal transportation goals  
17 of the City of Olympia, that enhances pedestrian safety;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge  
20 the Washington State Legislature actively promote Deschutes Dam removal, estuary  
21 restoration, and construction of a new bridge without delay.

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24 Submitted by the Thurston County Democrats.