BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF WASHINGTON, IN LEGISLATIVE SESSION ASSEMBLED:

THAT, At the next general election to be held in this state the
secretary of state shall submit to the qualified voters of the state
for their approval and ratification, or rejection, an amendment to
Article VIII, sections 1, 3, 4, and 5 and Article XII, section 9 of the
Constitution of the state of Washington and an amendment to Article
VIII of the Constitution of the state of Washington by adding a new
section to read as follows:

Article VIII, section . . . . The legislature may create a state
bank of Washington. The bank may borrow, lend state moneys, or invest
in businesses in any manner allowed by the legislature.

Article VIII, section 1. (a) The state may contract debt, the
principal of which shall be paid and discharged within thirty years
from the time of contracting thereof, in the manner set forth herein.
(b) The aggregate debt contracted by the state shall not exceed
that amount for which payments of principal and interest in any fiscal
year would require the state to expend more than nine percent of the
arithmetic mean of its general state revenues for the three immediately
preceding fiscal years as certified by the treasurer. The term "fiscal year" means that period of time commencing July 1 of any year and ending on June 30 of the following year. The debt of a state bank shall not be calculated as part of the aggregate debt under this section.

(c) The term "general state revenues" when used in this section, shall include all state money received in the treasury from each and every source whatsoever except: (1) Fees and revenues derived from the ownership or operation of any undertaking, facility, or project; (2) Moneys received as gifts, grants, donations, aid, or assistance or otherwise from the United States or any department, bureau, or corporation thereof, or any person, firm, or corporation, public or private, when the terms and conditions of such gift, grant, donation, aid, or assistance require the application and disbursement of such moneys otherwise than for the general purposes of the state of Washington; (3) Moneys to be paid into and received from retirement system funds, and performance bonds and deposits; (4) Moneys to be paid into and received from trust funds including but not limited to moneys received from taxes levied for specific purposes and the several permanent and irreducible funds of the state and the moneys derived therefrom but excluding bond redemption funds; (5) Proceeds received from the sale of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.

(d) In computing the amount required for payment of principal and interest on outstanding debt under this section, debt shall be construed to mean borrowed money represented by bonds, notes, or other evidences of indebtedness which are secured by the full faith and credit of the state or are required to be repaid, directly or indirectly, from general state revenues and which are incurred by the state, any department, authority, public corporation, or quasi public corporation of the state, any state university or college, or any other public agency created by the state but not by counties, cities, towns, school districts, or other municipal corporations, but shall not include obligations for the payment of current expenses of state government, nor shall it include debt hereafter incurred pursuant to section 3 of this article, obligations guaranteed as provided for in subsection (g) of this section, principal of bond anticipation notes or obligations issued to fund or refund the indebtedness of the Washington state building authority.
(e) The state may pledge the full faith, credit, and taxing power of the state to guarantee the voter approved general obligation debt of school districts in the manner authorized by the legislature. Any such guarantee does not remove the debt obligation of the school district and is not state debt.

(f) The state may, without limitation, fund or refund, at or prior to maturity, the whole or any part of any existing debt or of any debt hereafter contracted pursuant to section 1, section 2, or section 3 of this article, including any premium payable with respect thereto and interest thereon, or fund or refund, at or prior to maturity, the whole or any part of any indebtedness incurred or authorized prior to the effective date of this amendment by any entity of the type described in subsection (h) of this section, including any premium payable with respect thereto and any interest thereon. Such funding or refunding shall not be deemed to be contracting debt by the state.

(g) Notwithstanding the limitation contained in subsection (b) of this section, the state may pledge its full faith, credit, and taxing power to guarantee the payment of any obligation payable from revenues received from any of the following sources: (1) Fees collected by the state as license fees for motor vehicles; (2) Excise taxes collected by the state on the sale, distribution or use of motor vehicle fuel; and (3) Interest on the permanent common school fund: Provided, That the legislature shall, at all times, provide sufficient revenues from such sources to pay the principal and interest due on all obligations for which said source of revenue is pledged.

(h) No money shall be paid from funds in custody of the treasurer with respect to any debt contracted after the effective date of this amendment by the Washington state building authority, the capitol committee, or any similar entity existing or operating for similar purposes pursuant to which such entity undertakes to finance or provide a facility for use or occupancy by the state or any agency, department, or instrumentality thereof.

(i) The legislature shall prescribe all matters relating to the contracting, funding or refunding of debt pursuant to this section, including: The purposes for which debt may be contracted; by a favorable vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house, the amount of debt which may be contracted for any class of such purposes; the kinds of notes, bonds, or other evidences of debt which
may be issued by the state; and the manner by which the treasurer shall
determine and advise the legislature, any appropriate agency, officer,
or instrumentality of the state as to the available debt capacity
within the limitation set forth in this section. The legislature may
delegate to any state officer, agency, or instrumentality any of its
powers relating to the contracting, funding or refunding of debt
pursuant to this section except its power to determine the amount and
purposes for which debt may be contracted.

(j) The full faith, credit, and taxing power of the state of
Washington are pledged to the payment of the debt created on behalf of
the state pursuant to this section and the legislature shall provide by
appropriation for the payment of the interest upon and installments of
principal of all such debt as the same falls due, but in any event, any
court of record may compel such payment.

(k) Notwithstanding the limitations contained in subsection (b) of
this section, the state may issue certificates of indebtedness in such
sum or sums as may be necessary to meet temporary deficiencies of the
treasury, to preserve the best interests of the state in the conduct of
the various state institutions, departments, bureaus, and agencies
during each fiscal year; such certificates may be issued only to
provide for appropriations already made by the legislature and such
certificates must be retired and the debt discharged other than by
refunding within twelve months after the date of incurrence.

(l) Bonds, notes, or other obligations issued and sold by the state
of Washington pursuant to and in conformity with this article shall not
be invalid for any irregularity or defect in the proceedings of the
issuance or sale thereof and shall be incontestable in the hands of a
bona fide purchaser or holder thereof.

Article VIII, section 3. Except the debt specified in sections one
((and)), two, and . . . . (the new section added to Article VIII by
this resolution) of this article, no debts shall hereafter be
contracted by, or on behalf of this state, unless such debt shall be
authorized by law for some single work or object to be distinctly
specified therein. No such law shall take effect until it shall, at a
general election, or a special election called for that purpose, have
been submitted to the people and have received a majority of all the
votes cast for and against it at such election.

Article VIII, section 4. No moneys shall ever be paid out of the
treasury of this state, or any of its funds, or any of the funds under its management, except in pursuance of an appropriation by law; nor unless such payment be made within one calendar month after the end of the next ensuing fiscal biennium, and every such law making a new appropriation, or continuing or reviving an appropriation, shall distinctly specify the sum appropriated, and the object to which it is to be applied, and it shall not be sufficient for such law to refer to any other law to fix such sum. This section does not apply to moneys disbursed in relation to a state bank.

Article VIII, section 5. The credit of the state shall not, in any manner be given or loaned to, or in aid of, any individual, association, company or corporation. This section does not apply to moneys loaned by a state bank.

Article XII, section 9. The state shall not in any manner loan its credit, nor shall it subscribe to, or be interested in the stock of any company, association or corporation. This section does not apply to the transactions of a state bank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this amendment is a single amendment within the meaning of Article XXIII, section 1 of the state Constitution.

The legislature finds that the changes contained in this amendment constitute a single integrated plan for a state bank of Washington. If this amendment is held to be separate amendments, this joint resolution is void in its entirety and is of no further force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the secretary of state shall cause notice of this constitutional amendment to be published at least four times during the four weeks next preceding the election in every legal newspaper in the state.