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PROPOSAL NO. R2005-32

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4 Requested by: Council

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6 RESOLUTION NO. R2005-32

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8 A RESOLUTION OF THE PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE RELATED TO
9 PRECURSOR DRUGS USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF
10 AMPHETAMINES AND OTHER SYNTHETIC DRUGS; EXPRESSING
11 ITS SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 2266 AND SENATE BILL 5123,
12 AND URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE ACTION TO
13 PASS THESE MEASURES IN ORDER TO PLACE STRICTER
14 CONTROLS ON THE SALE OF THESE PRECURSOR DRUGS.

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16 WHEREAS, "precursor" drugs are substances that can be used to
17 manufacture controlled substances. One such controlled substance
18 is methamphetamine, which is a highly addictive substance that
19 affects the central nervous system; and

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21 WHEREAS, over-the-counter cold and asthma medications
22 containing ephedrine or pseudoephedrine, red phosphorous,
23 hydrochloric acid, drain cleaner, battery acid, lye, lantern fuel,
24 and antifreeze are among the ingredients most commonly used to
25 manufacture methamphetamine; and

1 WHEREAS, in addition to the societal cost of the use and sales
2 for methamphetamines and other synthetic drugs, the manufacture of
3 methamphetamine has additional environmental consequences,
4 including fires from poorly-equipped home laboratories and
5 pollution caused by disposal of hazardous waste created during the
6 manufacturing process; and

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8 WHEREAS, the State House of Representatives is currently
9 considering Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2266 and the State
10 Senate is currently considering Senate Bill 5123, which will both
11 provide greater control over the sale of these precursor drugs;
12 and,

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14 WHEREAS, similar measures in other states have proven
15 effective in reducing the sale of precursor drugs, and appears to
16 have had a positive affect in reducing the manufacture, sale, and
17 secondary effects of methamphetamine and other synthetic drugs;
18 NOW, THEREFORE,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Council and Executive of Pierce County:

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22 Section 1. The Council and Executive of Pierce County strongly
23 support all efforts to reduce the manufacture, sale, use, and
24 secondary effects of methamphetamines and other synthetic drugs.

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26 Section 2. The Council and Executive request the Legislature
27 pass both ESHB 2266 and SB 5123.

