WEA
WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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2014 NEW BUSINESS ITEM B

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TITLE

Reduce Class Size and Caseloads in Grades K-12

SOURCE

WEA Executive Committee

BACKGROUND

Washington ranks 47th out of 50 states in class size. Massachusetts, similar to Washington, has 93, 000 fewer K-12 public school students and 15,000 more educators.

COST IMPLICATIONS

Cost to WEA: The level of financial aid and staff involvement will be determined by the Board.

Cost to the State: The cost to the state for the 2015-16 school-year, excluding costs to reduce class size in K-3 that are already required by HB2776, would be $387 million.

WEA GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- ☑ Increase WEA members' professional status and job satisfaction.
- ☑ Improve the quality of and access to public education for all students.
- ☑ Forge partnerships with parents, business, other unions, and community groups.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

That WEA pursue significant reductions in class size and caseload by continuing to extend full support to the efforts of Class Size Counts, a community-based organization dedicated to reducing class size in our state's K-12 public schools.

The WEA Board of Directors recommends "DO PASS"

The 2014 Representative Assembly "ADOPTED"