

Washington State



Ed Funding and Seattle

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Education Crises What are others saying?



“For the first time, public education officials are producing a generation of students less educated than their parents.”

- from Washington Learns, Governor Gregoire's Report

“We lead the country in science and engineering jobs, but we are one of the states at the bottom in the production of scientists and engineers”

Mark Emmert, Past President UW

Basic Ed Today - Unacceptable Outcomes



- **Only 17% of Seattle public high school graduates meet entrance requirements for a WA 4-year college or university** (Seattle Sup., Fall 2008)
 - 83% of graduates will need remediation if they pursue higher education
- **52% of WA high school graduates need remedial classes for Community College and Technical schools.**
 - 44% of 2006 high school graduates took remedial classes at Seattle Central Community College.

WA State pays for less than:

1. WA State Board of Education recommends for High School graduation.
2. The number of credits required to get into a four-year college.

Source: State Board for Community and Technical Colleges, *Role of Pre-college (Developmental and Remedial) Education for Recent High School Graduates Attending Washington Community and Technical Colleges, 2006-07*, December 2007

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State Graduation Requirements



Subject	WA State	Min for 4 year College	Meaningful HS Diploma CORE 24
English	3	4	4
Math	2	3*	3
Science	2	3 (2 lab)	3 (2 lab)
Social Studies	2.5	3	3
World Lang	0	2	2
Arts	1	1	2
Health/Fitness	2		2
OC ED	1		3
Electives	5.5		2
Total	19		24

Seattle requires 20 credits for graduation

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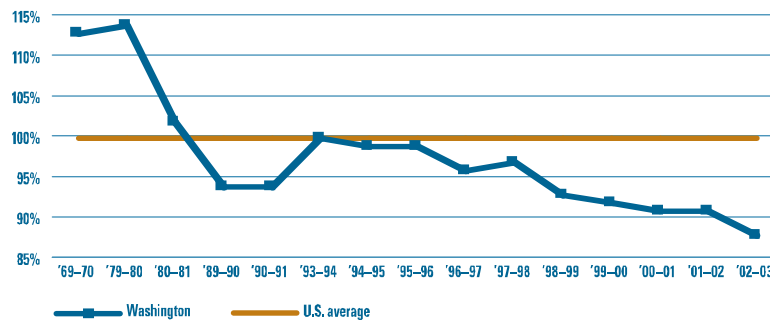
How do we compare?



- International PISA tests – in bottom 5, in most categories of 30 industrialized nations
- In the US rankings WA state is:
 - 46th in class size
 - 45th in per pupil funding
 - 41st in the percent of 8th graders who take Algebra - only 24%
 - 33rd in HS graduation rates

National Center for Education Statistics 5

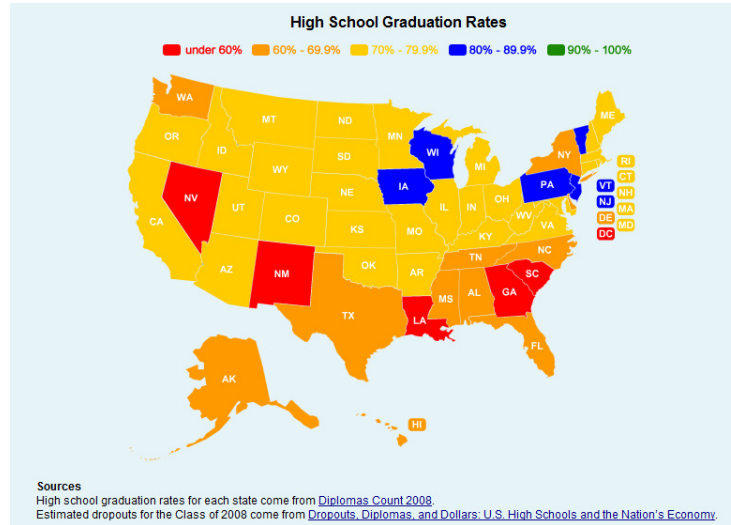
WA Per-Student Funding Compared to US Average - WA now 45th



Source: U.S. Dept. of Education, 2004, Digest of Ed. Statistics, Table 167, 2002-03 data from U.S. Census Bureau.

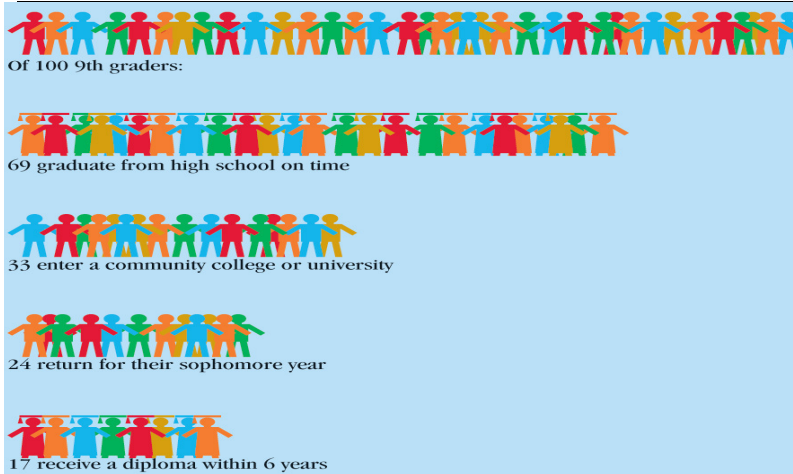
Current Ranking (Jan. 2009) by Ed Week
Per pupil, adjusted for regional cost differences: WA RANKS #45

US High School Grad Rates - 2008



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WA State Grad. Rates - 33rd in USA



US National HS Grad rate is 68.6% and range from 54.5 % to 86.3%, WA is #33 out of 52.
 (source Higherinfo.org)

Source: National Collaborative for Postsecondary Education Policy, 2003. "Report to the Washington Advisory Group," September 29. 8

Graduation Rate & Crime



- **High school dropouts are:**
 - **3.5 times** more likely than high school graduates to be **arrested**
 - More than **8 times as likely to be incarcerated**
- In the US, 68% of state prison inmates have not received a high school diploma
- According to researchers, **10% increase in graduation rates** have historically shown:
 - **Reduce murder and assault twofold (about 20%)**
 - **Prevent almost 40 murders and approximately 2,600 aggravated assaults in Washington each year.**

Source: "Schools for the Streets – Crime and Washington's Dropout Crisis" by the WA State Sheriffs Dept.

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How did we get here?



- Our generation is the product of the best education system in the world
- Our global competitors wanted to even the playing field – they invested while we didn't
- In WA State our equity across all districts works against us – mediocrity for all
- State budgets established in the 1970's can not satisfy 21st Century needs and expectations

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Education Reform



- 1970's lawsuit by Seattle school district
 - Doran decision and is the basis for funding today
- 1991 No Child Left Behind
 - Increased accountability
 - Standard based education reform, mostly unfunded mandates
- 1993 Education Reform Act
 - High achievement standards -- students, teachers, and schools
 - Unfunded mandate for books and training
- 2005 Washington Learns
 - Steering Committee created, 18-month review
- 2008-09 Basic Ed Task Force
 - Proposed HB 2261

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Promise of HB 2261



- “**Redefines basic education** as the opportunity for students to graduate with a meaningful high school diploma. Prepared for college and/or a family-wage job”. Passed into law April 2009, to take effect by 2018
- Create a “**prototypical school**” funding model
 - Core 24 – This aligns high school requirements with college and employer requirements.
 - Increased instructional hours -- Six periods in middle and high school.
 - Roll-out, all-day Kindergarten and reduced class size K-3
 - Enhanced allocations for low income, bilingual and highly capable.
 - **Remains unfunded – costs \$7.4Billion to fully implement**
 - **Implementation by specific Council, Boards and Groups**
 - **Quality Educational Council (QEC), Funding Formulas Working Group** (Directed by OFM with OSPI), **State Board of Education (SBE), Professional Education Standards Board (PESB)**, OSPI to establish a **K-12 Data Governance Group**
 - <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2261>

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Paying for 2261



- NEWS Lawsuit
 - State's "Paramount Duty" is to pay for basic Ed
 - Network in Excellence for WA Schools
 - Plaintiff won, State is appealing,
- "Race to the Top" funds
 - WA state didn't qualify,
 - Round 3; by District, SPS ??

How are we going to fund \$2.74 billion more per year to pay for 2261?

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HB 2776 - Passed Spring 2010



- Continues the implementation of HB 2261
 - Prototypical school model
 - Budget transparency at the state and local levels
 - Includes a technical work group
 - Transportation funding
 - K-3 class size
 - All-day kindergarten
 - Maintenance, supplies and operating costs

<http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=2776&year=2010>

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SB 6696 Race to the Top (Spring 2009)



- Addresses school and district accountability
- Educator preparation
- Teacher and principal evaluations
- Academic standards
- Parent and community involvement in schools
- Intervention in chronically underperforming schools.
 - Schools get an audit, community and staff decide what action to take, one option is school closure
- <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=6696&year=2010>

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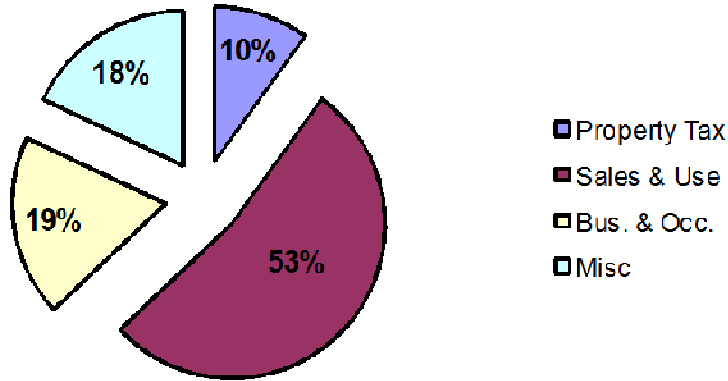
State Education Funding Crises



- State Biennial budgets for K-12 are a moving target:
 - 2007- 09 Budget: Plus \$1.2 Billion for K-12
 - 2009-11 Budget: Minus \$1.5 Billion for K-12
 - Cuts for K-12 included:
 - Compensation – no COLA, delayed pensions
 - I-728 – Student Achievement/Small Classroom size
 - Professional Development
 - WASL Efficiencies and more

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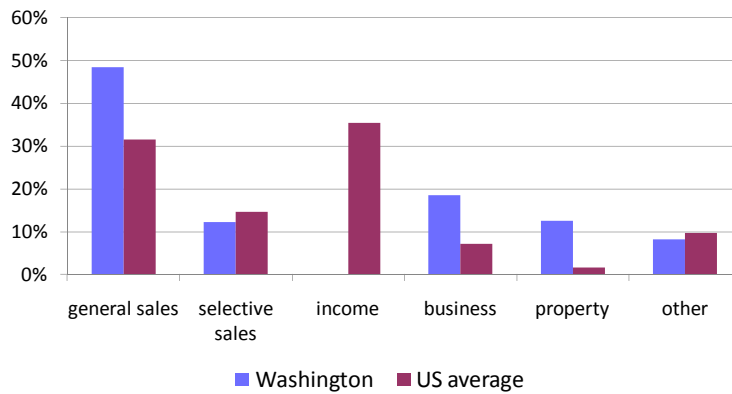
General Fund Revenue Sources



Misc. includes: Cigarette, estate, public utility taxes, etc., plus Timber and Lottery Revenues.

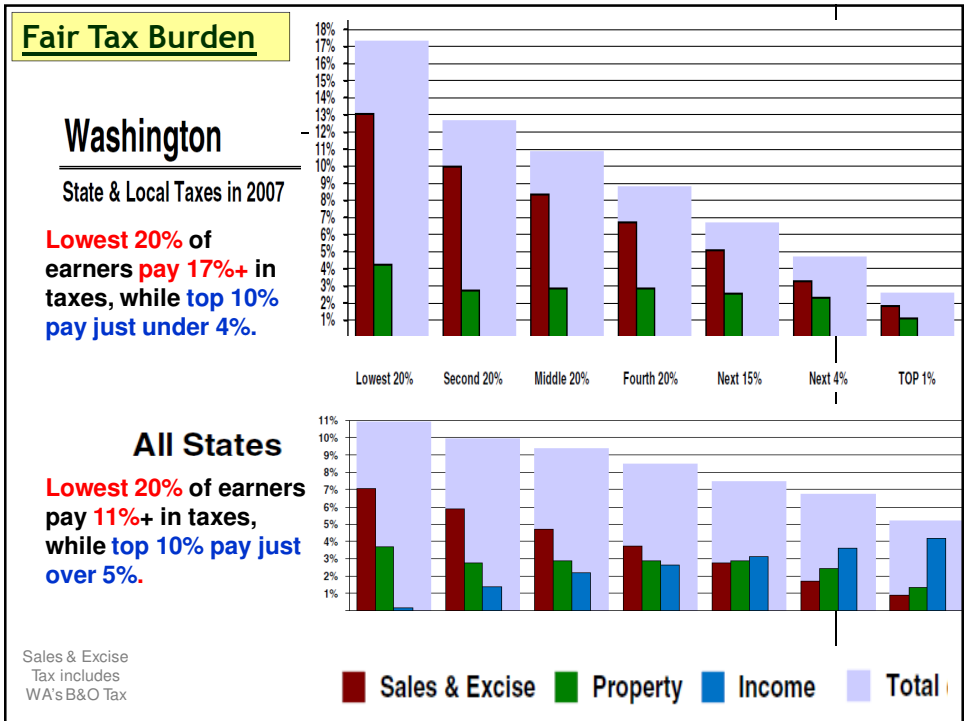
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Revenue Sources - US Averages



Source: 2007 state tax collection by source, taxadmin.org www.eoionline.org

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PTA and Advocacy



- PTA is the oldest child advocacy organization in the US -- Health, Education and welfare of every child
- Founded to address child labor laws, juvenile penal system, Polio vaccines, hot lunches, literacy, education reform, special education, ELL, etc.
- PTA advocates for all kids – focuses on the issues but always candidate neutral
 - **Legislative Assembly determines WA State PTA priorities**
- **Kid Mail**; the facts, not persuasive, principal ok'd
- **PTA Mail**: Can be persuasive if State, Council or Local unit board or general membership endorsed the issue
 - **Does not use school resources; photocopier, server, etc.**

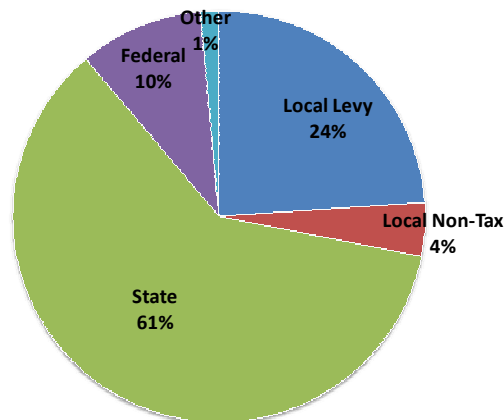
WSPTA: Legislative Assembly



- Every two-years the PTA units and members across WA State determine what issues are most important to guide our lobbyists in Olympia.
- **TOP PRIORITY ISSUES 2010 - 2011**
 - Maintaining Ed Reform started with HB2261 & 2776 & SB 6696
 - Math & Science Education
 - Literacy Instruction
 - Reduction in Force – not Seniority Only
 - Rational Approach to Teacher Compensation
 - Fund Education First
- **Supported Issues**
 - School Breakfast and Lunch Programs
 - Physical Education and Health
- **Resolution to support Funding Education that addresses the health, welfare and education of every child.**

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Seattle School Revenue Sources



Schoolsfirst!

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Seattle Public School Levy



- **State funding for SPS has been cut by more than \$32 million (since 2008)**
 - Legislators authorized a one-time supplemental levy to help fund schools. SPS is faced with \$27 million budget gap
- **A three-year \$48.2 million dollar levy will partially offset cuts.**
 - Materials/books for students: \$5.9 million
 - Elementary Music, Middle School Language Arts, High School Science and Social studies (curriculum alignment)
 - Support teachers and students: \$19million (includes TIF grant)
 - Additional collaboration time (\$4.6M),
 - Career ladder stipends (\$5.1M)
 - Pay raises, 1% year-2, 1% year-3 (\$5.4M)
 - New teacher evaluation implementation costs (\$2.4M)
 - Reduce number of program cuts/services (2012 & 13): \$25.5 million
- **Average costs: \$48/year for a \$400,000 home**

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Seattle Public School Levy



Pro: **Schoolsfirst!**

The funds will partially restore state cuts that have already been made and those on the way. State money does not have to spent on the status quo -- evaluating and supporting teachers, textbooks and curriculum all improve the classroom and help kids. Throw a lifeline to Seattle's kids.


Endorse and contribute at www.SchoolsFirstSeattle.org


ENDORSED BY Seattle Council PTSA 10/4/10

Con: **Committee for Responsible Education Funding**

They say this will cover state cuts but the money is budgeted to new projects – staffing for the controversial teacher evaluation, controversial textbook adoption/ curriculum alignment and coaches. Audit found that District is lacking in controls to produce reliable financial statements. There is very little that will help kids <http://.saveattleschools.blogspot.com>

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<h2 style="color: purple;">Initiatives in Progress</h2>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initiative 1098: High income tax, reduced property tax and B&O taxes, 70% for schools, 30% for health care ● Initiatives 1107: Repeals Soda pop, bottle water, candy & gum tax – reduces fund for education and healthcare ● Initiative 1053: Restores two-thirds requirement for revenue increases – sponsored by Tim Eyman ● Liquor Privatization – will increase retail outlets an estimated 20 times <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● I-1105: Distributors and retailers, I-1100only retailers ● Referendum 52: Healthy Schools for Washington – removes toxins, includes green energy and jobs uses bottle water tax for funding ● Schools Levy: 4% levy lift some districts will run a Nov. election 	<p style="text-align: right;">25</p>

<h2 style="color: purple;">Initiative 1098 - High Income Tax</h2>	
<p>Initiative 1098 is a tax reform measure to make impose an high-income tax, reduce the state portion of the property tax, reduce business and occupation tax and remaining taxes will be dedicated toward education (70%) and health care (30%).</p> <p>Ballot Description (as filed with the Secretary of State) This measure would establish a tax on “adjusted gross income” (as determined under the federal internal revenue code) above \$200,000 for individuals and \$400,000 for married couples or domestic partners filing jointly; reduce the limit on statewide property taxes by 20%; and increase the business and occupation tax credit to \$4,800. The tax revenues would replace revenues lost from the reduced levy and increased credit; remaining revenues would be directed to education and health services. (REVISED by court order on 5-18-2010)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p>

Initiative 1098 - High Income Tax



In Support of Initiative 1098 <http://yeson1098.com/>

Bill Gates Sr. helped create Initiative 1098 because he knows Washington's middle-class families are struggling and the wealthiest need to start paying their share. I-1098 dedicates \$1 to \$2 billion per year for education (70%) and health care (30%), guarantees only the wealthiest 1.2% pay more.

*Endorsed by Children's Alliance, League of Education Voters, Washington Education Association, **Washington State PTA**, Washington Student Association, **Seattle Council PTSA**

In Opposition of Initiative 1098 <http://www.defeat1098.com/>

The Association of Washington Business released results of an online survey of 900 members last week that said most think I-1098 would hurt job growth, despite tax breaks for most small businesses.

* Opposed – no education association/organization.

* **Neutral – Stand for Children.**

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Initiative 1107 - Bottle, Soda and Candy Tax



Initiative 1107 is intended to repeal the temporary taxes on soda and bottled water and repeal a permanent sales tax on candy. All the taxes contribute to the general fund which is the only funding source for education and social services.

Ballot Description (as filed with the Secretary of State)

This measure would reverse certain 2010 amendments to state tax laws, thereby: ending the sales tax on candy and the temporary sales tax on some bottled water; and ending temporary excise taxes on the activity of selling certain carbonated beverages, not including alcoholic beverages or carbonated bottled water. It would also reinstate a reduced business and occupation tax rate for processors of certain foods.

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Initiative 1107 - Bottle, Soda and Candy Tax



In Support of Initiative 1107 <http://www.stopgrocerytaxes.com/>

Organizers of the initiative say the tax increases, approved by the 2010 Legislature, could cost consumers and businesses more than \$300 million over the next three years. The American Beverage Association is the largest supporter of this initiative.

* Endorsed – no education organization/association.

In Opposition to Initiative 1107 <http://www.voteno1107.com/>

Measure to repeal temporary taxes on soda and bottled water and repeal a permanent sales tax on candy threatens to decrease money from the general fund which is the primary funding for K-12 education.

*Opposed by Children's Alliance, **Washington State PTA, Seattle Council PTSA**

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Referendum 52 - Healthy Schools



Referendum 52, initially a bill proposed during the 2010 legislative session to retrofit school buildings and make them more energy efficient.

Then, use the money saved from energy efficiency towards education.

Referendum 52 would create \$500 million in state bonding to fix schools and higher education buildings.

The construction work associated with this Referendum is funded by extending the state's bonding capacity to 1.5% and the annual debt service on the bonds will be paid through an extension of the existing tax on bottled water, which expires in 2013. Referendum 52 does not increase taxes.

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Referendum 52 - Healthy Schools



In Support of Referendum <http://www.healthyschoolsforwa.org/>

Approving Referendum 52 would use existing funding sources to retrofit aging and unsafe school buildings across Washington State, modernize them with energy-saving improvements, and reduce pollutants in schools to create healthy learning environments for our kids. An estimated 30,000 jobs will be created.

*Endorsed by American Federation of Teachers-Seattle Community Colleges, American Federation of Teachers-Washington, Children's Alliance, League of Education Voters, League of Women Voters, Stand for Children, Washington Education Association

*Neutral: Washington State PTA

In Opposition of Referendum 52

Construction projects would generate additional sales tax revenues for the state to cover additional debt-service costs.

* Opposed – no education association/organization.

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Initiative 1053 - Restore 2/3 Vote



Initiative 1053 is a Tim Eyman initiative, originally placed on the ballot in 2007 as Initiative 960, it requires two-thirds of the legislators to approve any tax increases versus a simple (50.1%) majority required for other bills.

Initiative 960 was suspended in February 2010 as Lawmakers can amend initiatives with a simple majority vote after they have been on the books for two years.

Ballot Description (as filed with the Secretary of State)

This measure would require a two-thirds majority vote of the Washington State Legislature, or a statewide popular vote, for any tax increases.

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Initiative 1053 - Restore 2/3 Vote



In Support of Initiative 1053 -- <http://www.yeson1053.com/>

Initiative 1053's goal, according to its supporters, is to reinstate the 2/3rds [supermajority vote](#) provisions of [Initiative 960](#), which voters approved in [November 2007](#).

* Endorsed – no education organization/association.

In Opposition of Initiative 1053 <http://www.no1053.org/>

Initiative 1053 recycles the failed concept behind Initiative 960, and would require a two-thirds vote of the legislature to pass any increase in revenue for our state. In addition, the Chair of the [state senate's Ways and Means Committee](#), believes that I-1053 is an unconstitutional violation of [Section 22 of Article II of the Washington State Constitution](#).

* Opposed by American Federation of Teachers – AFT Washington, Children's Alliance, Public School Employees of WA/SEIU, Stand for Children, Washington Education Association,

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APPENDIX



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Implementing HB 2261



- **Quality Educational Council (QEC)** to recommend steps and monitor the implementation both short-term and long-term.
 - Report due January 1, 2010
- **Funding Formulas Working Group** directed by OFM with OSPI
 - Report due December 1, 2009
- **State Board of Education (SBE)** to continue work on school and district accountability.
 - Report due December 1, 2009
- **Professional Education Standards Board (PESB)** to establish educator certification standards, assessments and educator preparation programs.
 - Report due January 1, 2010
- OSPI to establish a **K-12 Data Governance Group** to with short-term goals to design an K-12 data system and long-term responsibilities for data governance.
 - Preliminary Report due November 15, 2009

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The Unlikelihood of Finding Funding for Education Reform in WA's Budget

