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**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
RECOMMENDATION**

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Recommends that the Faculty Senate do the following: 1) go on record supporting the introduction of a legislative initiative that reviews and revises issues associated with the "pop tax" law that finances medical education in West Virginia, and 2) urge the University President to actively encourage the Higher Education Policy Commission and Legislature to support this recommendation.

**RATIONALE:**

1. The "pop tax" law generates about \$12 million dollars of yearly tax revenue, of which all goes to West Virginia University's School of Medicine, to support medical education in West Virginia.
2. The legislation establishing the "pop tax" was enacted prior to the establishment of Marshall University's School of Medicine.
3. Marshall University's School of Medicine has not shared in any revenue generated by the "pop tax."
4. If there are to be no increases in the "pop tax," then some other revenue stream needs to be dedicated for its equitable distribution to West Virginia's other medical schools...i.e. bottled water tax or tobacco tax.

**FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT:**

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